

**EASTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #308
SPECIAL MEETING, WITH
CANVASS OF CERTIFIED RESULTS AND
BOARD REORGANIZATION**

April 28, 2021

6:33 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diann Cassens, Brian Heldt, Karl Henze, Anthony Preston, Steven Snider, Jennifer Sturtevant, and Chad Waller

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Augusta Witt (Board member elect), Mindy Hayden, Sean Hayden, Bonnie Janssen

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the agenda as adjusted, adding Personnel action item.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye. **Motion carried.**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Mindy Hayden spoke to the Board regarding the new wrestling agreement proposal. She asked the Board to consider waiting to decide on the new agreement, to allow time to hear from the student athletes affected by this proposed change. They are passionate about the current program with West Carroll and have worked hard to build themselves within that program since junior high. She informed the Board that her son would be writing a letter, as he was not able to attend due to a wrestling meet. Mr. Sean Hayden agreed and also asked the Board to reconsider trying to work things out with the current program. He shared his concerns about the change and the effect on all the athletes, from Eastland and West Carroll. Both parents thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Consider and Approve Athletic Sharing Agreement for Wrestling**

The Board discussed the proposed wrestling cooperative change. Superintendent Kashner thanked the Hayden family for their passion and understood their point of view. He continued by saying that he feels moving wrestling cooperative partners will be a better fit for our students and district. Travel arrangements and IHSA classification were also discussed. Member Waller asked if this was time sensitive or could it be discussed at May's meeting. Superintendent Kashner shared that the other members of the new co-op have already approved or will be approving tonight but in theory, the

decision could wait if the Board decided to. Members Henze and Cassens both talked about the contractual interpretation disconnect between the District's of the current agreement. They are concerned with how it seems to be an issue even after trying to address it multiple times in the past several years. Lastly, Superintendent Kashner shared that he wished he would have met with the wrestlers in advance before the move became public and apologized for that oversight. He stated that he will be meeting with the wrestlers before the end of this week.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to approve the athletic sharing agreement between Polo, Forrestville Valley, Chadwick-Milledgeville and Eastland Schools to facilitate a high school and junior high wrestling program for two years, 2022 and 2023 winter seasons, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, and Snider voting aye. Sturtevant, and Waller voting nay. **Motion carried.**

➤ **Personnel**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve personnel as follows:

- Approve the hiring of **Lindsay Guinand** as Elementary Music Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.
- Accept the resignation of **Brian Barr**, as 2nd shift Elementary Custodian.
- Approve the posting for three summer school facilitators.
- Approve the posting for an EES Custodian.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye. **Motion carried.**

CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS:

➤ **Reading of Election Results**

Precinct vote totals as certified by Amy Buss, Carroll County Clerk, for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election were presented:

Anthony Preston	229	4-year term
Steven Snider	225	4-year term

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to accept the election results, as presented.

Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to proclaim the following candidates duly elected members of the Eastland CUSD #308 Board of Education:

Antony Preston – Steven Snider

Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

□ **Declaration of Vacant Seat**

President Snider declared the Board of Education now has a vacant seat.

□ **Appointment of Board Member**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the appointment of Augusta Witt as an Eastland Board of Education Member.

Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried**

□ **Swearing in of Board Members**

The newly elected members took the oath of office.

□ **Recognition of Retiring Board Member**

Outgoing Board Member Jennifer Sturtevant was recognized for her service to the district and students. Superintendent Kashner thanked her for her passion and service to Eastland and commented that Eastland is a better place because of her work. Member Preston thanked her for her mentorship and willingness to look at every side of an issue before making any decisions. Member Sturtevant commented that she was proud of the work and will miss working with the Board and hopes Eastland continues to thrive to make kids great adults.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Kashner was appointed as President Pro-Tem until a new President was elected.

➤ **Reorganization of the Board of Education**

Mr. Kashner opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. **Steven Snider** was nominated for the position of President. As only one member was nominated for the position of President, Pro-Tem President Kashner declared **Steven Snider** as President.

President Snider opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Board. **Anthony Preston** was nominated for the position of Vice President. As only one member was nominated for the position of Vice President, President Snider declared **Anthony Preston** as Vice President.

President Snider opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of the Board. **Diann Cassens** was nominated for the position of Secretary. As only one member was nominated for the position of Secretary, President Snider declared **Diann Cassens** as Secretary.

➤ **Board Meeting Dates**

Remaining meeting dates were reviewed.

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

July's meeting date was set, and will be a week earlier than normal due to the timing of the annual audit.

July 14, 2021

➤ **Committee Appointments**

The board discussed committee appointment and agreed to the following:

- FFT - Facility, Finance, and Transportation (Heldt, Preston, Waller)
- Curriculum (Cassens, Witt)
- Policy (Henze, Snider)

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Steven Snider, President

Diann Cassens, Secretary