

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

July 14, 2021

6:34 p.m.

Anthony Preston, Vice President, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diann Cassens, Brian Heldt, Anthony Preston, Steven Snider, Chad Waller, Augusta Witt

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Connie Brauer, Rebecca Green, Teresa Hammer, Robert & Sarah Hanviriyapant, Kara Howell, Robyn Joens, Tiana Kingery, Korey Kessler, Calley & Sam Lemm, Lindsay Miller, Ariel & Nick Pontnack, Nichole Potempa, Tim Reese, Amber Rucker, Kim Summers, Kara Sword

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the agenda as adjusted, moving I. Superintendent Report to after Board Input and removing the Resolution for local control .

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

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the consensus items as adjusted, adding one Accounts Payable invoice:

- Minutes of the Amended Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting held on June 16, 2021, minutes and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the December 18, 2019 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of July, 2021 in the amount of \$312,742.39, and end of FY21 payables from June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$34,102.34.
- Treasurer's Report for June and the revised May report.

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

BOARD INPUT:

There was no board input at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner shared a summer school summary. Over 90% of the thirty-two students attending met their target and successfully passed. Superintendent Kashner complimented students and teachers for their work to produce these wonderful results and the district plans to continue to offer

summer school. Superintendent Kashner shared his timeline for the district's release of their updated, "Return to Learn" plan. The plan will be reviewed internally through Friday July 16th, with the plan being posted on the district website no later than July 21st, at 8 am. There will be a public comment survey with an option to provide feedback. Superintendent Kashner asked the BOE to pick a date the week of July 26th to hold a special meeting to consider and approve the plan.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors introduced themselves and were welcomed. Many of them thanked the Board for their work this past year. Ten of the visitors spoke regarding school masks, and their wishes to not have a mask mandate policy. One visitor commented about the sex education curriculum and another spoke regarding the athletic eligibility policy.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you's were circulated around the table. Superintendent Kashner shared that the district audit will now take place on August 3 and 4 instead of mid-July at the auditor's request. The FFA report provided by FFA Advisor Cynthia Feltmeyer was shared. Superintendent Kashner complimented Feltmeyer and the students for their high-quality report and program.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE 2021-22 FUEL BID**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the FY22 Fuel Bid from Carroll Service Company, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE 2021-22 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the FY22 school board meeting dates, as presented.

Those Dates are as follows:

July 14, 2021	August 18, 2021	September 15, 2021
October 20, 2021	November 10, 2021	December 15, 2021
January 19, 2022	February 16, 2022	March 16, 2022
April 20, 2022	May 18, 2022	June 22, 2022

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

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **1st READING OF THE 2021-22 BUDGET**

The 2021-2022 budget was reviewed. This was the first reading, and it is anticipated the budget will be brought to the Board for official approval next month. Superintendent Kashner shared that the budget is projected to have a surplus of less than \$3,000. He commented that the goal is to be as close to zero as possible, and is happy with the result. He also shared the plan for ESSER III funds, highlighting math curriculum, summer school supplies and personnel, keyless entry, and HVAC system.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to enter into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to consider information regarding:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to exit closed session at 7:30 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve closed session minutes. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the following personnel, as presented:

- The hire of **Jon Keppen** as substitute bus driver, pending certification.
- Maternity leave for **Cynthia Feltmeyer**, estimated from October 18 - December 6, 2021.
- Approve the following postings:
 - Substitute Bus Drivers
 - Substitute Kitchen Aides

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to adjourn at 7:33 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