

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

November 10, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Rachel Todd

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve the agenda adjusted, removing the closed session section.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, 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 presented:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2021, and the destruction of the audiotape minutes of the April 15, 2020 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of November, 2021 in the amount of \$785,621.32.
- October 2021 Treasurer's Report

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

BOARD INPUT:

President Snider and Superintendent Kashner shared plans for the upcoming board conference and sessions they found interesting. Superintendent Kashner also provided an updated visual rendering of the front office addition at EJSHS that will be completed in 2022. Board members shared their excitement for the project and commented that they are pleased with the initial renderings and are looking forward to the final product.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed. No one addressed the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Pre-K Board report was shared.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FY21 AUDIT & ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)**

Superintendent Kashner shared that he was pleased to announce another clean audit and thanked Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Janssen for their work to ensure this occurred. Eastland earned financial recognition status again.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the FY21 Audit and AFR, as presented.

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

➤ **1st READING OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY**

The board heard the 1st reading of the upcoming levy from Superintendent Kashner. It is anticipated that the tax rate will stay flat, while the tax levy will increase by 4% due to property values rising. The overall additional funds asked for are estimated to be at \$320,000 and will be used to cover rising costs and capital projects.

➤ **IASB RESOLUTIONS REPORT**

President Snider went through the IASB resolutions and asked for feedback from the rest of the board on specific resolutions. Member Henze, Heldt, and the rest of the board thanked President Snider for taking the lead on this work and complimented him as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH EES ADDITION PLANS**

Superintendent Kashner presented a rough draft of the proposed EES addition. The plan would call for an addition of five classrooms, four office spaces, two group restroom spaces, a remodel of the upstairs to create six classrooms from five current ones, and new LED lighting. Member Henze suggested looking at a parking lot, and making sure we are adding the space needed. President Snider and Member Witt suggested looking at lighting as well. Superintendent Kashner shared that the district will look to pay for this project out of reserves. The project would begin in the summer of 2022 and is predicted to take 14 months to complete.

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve moving forward with the EES addition project, as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

During the Superintendent report, Superintendent Kashner shared updated Covid numbers. He commented that there are ten active cases in the school district, but only two had been in school within 72 hours of testing positive for Covid-19. He highlighted the test to stay protocols and how those individuals that qualify, with approval from the health department, will be tested on days 1, 3, 5, and 7.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session or personnel actions.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.
Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

Steven Snider, President

Anthony Preston, Vice-President