

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

December 15, 2021

6:38 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diann Cassens, Brian Heldt, Karl Henze, Anthony Preston, Steven Snider, Chad Waller, and Augusta Witt (Witt was present via phone call)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Cara Huber, Bill McLain, Derek Carroll

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the agenda presented.

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 **Preston** to approve the consensus items as presented:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 10, 2021, and the destruction of the audiotape minutes of the May 20, 2020 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of December, 2021 in the amount of \$1,096,018.71; changing the payee for Profession Development from BER to C.Huber.
- November 2021 Treasurer's Report

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

BOARD INPUT:

President Snider shared legislative updates from the school board conference and highlighted how important it is to continue to stay up-to-date.

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 FY22 TAX LEVY**

Superintendent Kashner shared the levy, showing projected additional funds coming from rising EAV, not a tax increase.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the 2021 tax levy, as presented.

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

➤ **1st READING OF EJSHS CURRICULUM GUIDE**

A 1st reading of the EJSHS curriculum guide for 2022-23 was shared. A discussion was held on the addition of community service hours and how those hours will be documented. Principal Burkholder shared that we are looking to utilize software and potentially a stipend position to help facilitate the community service requirement. Hours required would start with smaller amounts at the freshman level and gradually increase each year until they reach a total of 25 community service hours. Principal Burkholder is working with her planning team to produce a list of approved projects, but in reality, it will be student driven.

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE 2022 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE BID**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the 2022 Workers Compensation Insurance bid from Illinois Public Risk Fund via Clark Carroll Insurance Agency at a cost of \$26,636, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE E-LEARNING PLAN**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the E-Learning Plan, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT MANAGER FOR EES ADDITION**

Superintendent Kashner presented information in regards to hiring a project manager for the EES addition. A project manager will allow the district to have an expert in the field, on site every day, managing the project for the district. Member Henze questioned the need for a manager and if that responsibility should fall back on the architect. Member Waller commented that for a project of this length, a neutral project manager will be essential for the project to go smoothly and stay on schedule. Member Preston agreed that it is needed to ensure the district's best interest.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve hiring Brandin Keltner of Sjostrom & Sons as project manager of the EES addition, as presented.

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

➤ **1st READING OF PRESS POLICY UPDATES**

1st reading of PRESS policies: 2:20, 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:150, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:120, 4:150, 4:160, 4:165, 4:170, 4:175, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:260, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:100, 6:120, 6:130, 6:135, 6:180, 6:220, 6:300, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:80, 7:150, 7:160, 7:165, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:10, 7:240, 7:250, 7:280, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:345, 8:70, 8:95, 8:100. Superintendent Kashner shared that the policy committee will be meeting in December to provide a formal recommendation for the January meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner shared updated COVID numbers. He commented that numbers are fluctuating as they had 13 positive cases throughout the district two weeks ago, back down to 4 last week, and up to 12 this week.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to enter into closed session at 7:14 p.m. to consider information regarding:

- To consider student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

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

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to exit closed session at 7:40 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to adjourn at 7:45 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