

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

January 19, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, SueAnn Bamberg, Casey Flikkema, Karin Myre

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

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

- Minutes of the E-Learning Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2021, and the destruction of the audiotape minutes of the June 17, 2020 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of December, 2021 in the amount of \$248,092.24;
- December 2021 Treasurer's Report

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

BOARD INPUT:

President Snider shared a save the date for the Northwest IASB Division Meeting that will be held on April 6th. More information will be sent out when it is available. Members and Administration were asked to verify information for the economic interest survey.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed. Casey Flikkema addressed the board to express concern with the release of an adaptive pause plan. Her concern was the timing and if this means we are going on an adaptive pause. Superintendent Kashner commented that his intention was not to cause concern, but rather preparedness. He also stated that based on the numbers he does not anticipate having to utilize an adaptive pause at all this year, but wanted to make sure the district is communicating their plan effectively.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Pre-K Board report was shared.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE EJSHS CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR 2022-23**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the 2022-23 EJSHS Curriculum Guide, as presented.

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

➤ **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF PRESS POLICY UPDATES**

Superintendent Kashner commented that the majority of the policies approved were minor changes and edits, but he did highlight a few policies. A food sharing plan is now required to be on file. Essentially, extra food cannot be thrown away, and instead provided to students in need. Kashner complimented the food service staff for already having this in place as it provides a terrific service for our students. He also commented that he is not recommending adding board policy updates on 6:60 which is in reference to the sex education curriculum bill, citing that the PRESS recommendation allows boards to retain local control on whether they want to adopt the new standards or keep their current plan in place. Superintendent Kashner commented that our curriculum in place is appropriate for our students and community and he highly recommended we continue with the current program. The BOE agreed.

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve PRESS policies listed 2:20, 2:2105, 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, 6:100, 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, 7:20, 7:240, 7:250, 7:280, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:345, 8:70, 8:95, and 8:100, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL TO LET BIDS FOR THE EJSHS SECURE ENTRANCE AND EES 2nd FLOOR RENOVATIONS**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve to advertise for bids on the EJSHS Secure Entrance and EES 2nd Floor Renovations, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL TO LET BIDS FOR EES MECHANICAL PROJECT**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve to advertise for bids on the EES Mechanical Project for Boiler Replacement, as presented.

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

➤ **PRESENTATION APPROVAL TO RENEW BUS LEASES**

The board discussed renewing bus leases and approved a 3-year renewal. A discussion was held on diesel vs gas buses, and ultimately, the BOE prefers diesel if they are available. The buses will be delivered before August 1st.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the renewing the bus leases, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

> APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Witt** to approve three FFA trips, as presented.

- Jan 28-29, to Western IL University for Ground Zero Conference
- Mar 25-26, to University of IL for State Proficiency Interviews
- Apr 7-8, to Kaskaskia College for State Dairy Cattle Handlers

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner shared updated COVID numbers and information on the house bills for student mental health days.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to enter into closed session at 7:04 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 7:37 p.m.

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

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to approve closed session minutes.

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

> APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:

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

- The resignation of **Michael Briscoe** as Assistant Football Coach.

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 7:38 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