

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

February 16, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Kent Schoeny

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

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

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the consensus items as presented:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2022, and the destruction of the audiotape minutes of the July 15, 2020 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of February, 2022 in the amount of \$209,667.31
- January 2022 Treasurer's Report

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

BOARD INPUT:

The Northwest Division dinner will be in Dakota on April 6. Any members wishing to attend, are asked to RSVP to Mr. Kashner.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed. Mr. Kent Schoeny thanked the Board for their service and for making masks recommended this past week. He asked that they continue to fight for local control.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Pre-K Board report was shared, noting that there was a good turnout for the screenings recently held. Superintendent Kashner also informed the Board that the Village of Shannon had been in contact regarding a sign to recognize the National FFA Dairy Champions. A sign has been ordered to put up at city limits.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR EJSHS SECURE ENTRANCE & EES 2nd FLOOR RENOVATIONS**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the bid from Sjostrom and Sons for the EJSHS Secure Entrance and EES 2nd floor renovations, in the amount of \$1,287,590, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR EES MECHANICAL PROJECT**

Superintendent Kashner shared that two identical bids came in from local companies. After consulting with both companies, the architect, and legal counsel, a coin flip was utilized to award the bid. He noted that both companies do terrific work for Eastland and are both highly reputable and all parties agreed this was the fairest way to break the tie.

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the bid from Helm Mechanical for the EES Mechanical Project, in the amount of \$635,000, as presented.

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

Brian Heldt entered at 5:13 pm.

➤ **APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve amending the 2021-22 Calendar to include early dismissals, to provide teachers extra work time. These days will be on Fridays, over 2-4 days, and the total hours will not exceed 6 hours, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the 2022-23 School Calendar, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **DISCUSSION OF PROJECTED 2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A draft of the 2023-24 school calendar was presented. The calendar mirrors the revised 2022-23 school calendar. Superintendent Kashner shared that a committee of a variety of staff were utilized to gather feedback, and he thanked them for their work.

➤ **APPROVAL OF A MECHANICAL CONTRACT**

Member Heldt explained that the plan of quarterly maintenance contract on mechanical devices (HVAC, boiler, etc) would help catch issues ahead of time, in hopes to prevent bigger, urgent repair expenses.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve a one-year mechanical contract with Helm Mechanical, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR WHITE ACTIVITY BUS OR MINIVAN**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to approve let bids for a white activity bus or AWD minivan, as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner shared updated COVID numbers, noting numbers continue to stay low and he is pleased with all the mitigation factors in place to help.

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

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

- The maternity leave of **Anna Ludwig**, estimated from April 27 through the end of the school year.
- Posting for an Elementary Teacher position for 2022-23 school year.

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 **Snider** to adjourn at 5:35 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