

**EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**December 21st, 2022 6:31 pm**  
**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

**ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to approve the agenda as 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 November 16, 2022 regular meeting.
- Payment of accounts payable for the month of December, 2022.
- November Treasurer's Report

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

**Motion carried.**

**BOARD INPUT:**

During board input a discussion was held on how best to inform the public on candidates running for the BOE. Superintendent Kashner shared that he was informed of 9 individuals running for 4 four-year terms and one individual running for a two-year term. Member Henze and Secretary Cassens suggested having candidates provided questions to answer that the district can help distribute. It was agreed that questions will be brought to the January meeting with the questions to be sent out either in February or March.

Member Waller shared that he was blown away by the holiday breakfasts' that the school held for all students and staff on December 20 and 21 and how he hopes that this becomes an annual tradition. Superintendent Kashner thanked Member Waller, Member Witt, Vice President Preston and President Snider for helping with the event. Superintendent Kashner shared that this has quickly become an annual favorite and was amazed by the amount of staff that helps prepare. Principal Burkholder, Principal King and Superintendent Kashner all shared their gratitude to our food service director, Mrs. Melissa McLain, and her entire staff for the legwork to make this a success.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

No visitors were present.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The PreK board report and thank-you notes were shared.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **❖ Presentation and Approval of 2023 Tax Levy**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve the 2023 Tax Levy, as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

### **❖ Approval of Press Policies**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve press policy updates, as presented.

2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:50, 2:100, 2:105, 2:210, 2:250, 2:265, 3:10, 3:50, 3:60, 4:10, 4:120, 4:140, 4:165, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:120, 5:190, 5:20, 5:220, 5:250, 5:280, 5:290, 5:320, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:270, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:50, 7:70, 7:100, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:285, 7:290, 7:340

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

**Motion carried.**

### **❖ Approval of EES Small Gym Remodel Bid Notice**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to approve posting the bid notice for the EES small gym remodel, as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of EJSHS Curriculum Guide**

The EJSHS Curriculum Guide was shared. It was noted that there were no significant changes.

### **❖ Approval of School Maintenance Grant**

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the school maintenance grant, as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

### **❖ Approval to Renew the EPC Football Cooperative Agreement**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve the renewal of the EPC football cooperative agreement for 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons, as presented.

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

❖ **Approval to Renew the JH & HS Wrestling Cooperative Agreements**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the renewal of the JH & HS wrestling cooperative agreements for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.  
**Motion carried.**

❖ **Approval to Renew the CollegeNow Agreement**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Witt** to approve the renewal of the CollegeNow agreement for 2023-24 with Highland Community College, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.  
**Motion carried.**

❖ **Approval to Declare the Intention to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds and Hold a Public Hearing Concerning this Intent**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to approve holding a public hearing, publishing a notice of said hearing and declaration for intention to issue \$3mil working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to enter into closed session at 7:28 pm 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, Henze, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.  
**Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Witt** to exit closed session at 7:42 pm. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

**PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve personnel as presented.

**RENEWAL:**

Roger Willey – Assistant Technology Director  
Jared McNutt – Head Football Coach  
Kevin Koning – Assistant Football Coach  
Tyler Oakley – Assistant Football Coach  
Zach Hook – Assistant Football Coach  
Scott Gallentine – Assistant Football Coach  
Dillion Eich – JH Football Coach  
Devin Servin – JH Football Coach  
Mike Eberle, Todd Marsh and Chad Waller – Volunteer Football Coaches

**RESIGNATION:**

Weston Burkholder – JH Football Coach

**INTENT TO RETIRE:**

Carl Erbsen – at conclusion of the 2025-26 school year

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

**Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.  
Voice vote showed all ayes. Motion carried.

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

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Steven Snider, President

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Anthony Preston, Vice President