

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

April 26, 2023 6:31 pm

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, Justin DeSpain, Tony Dunlap, Chelsey Heckman, Jane Martz, Heidi Waller, Paige Waller

ELECTION:

❖ **Recognize Vote Totals**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Witt** to authorize the canvassing of the elect and proclaim the results.

Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

President Snider proclaimed the County Clerk has provided the election results from all precincts in the school district.

Secretary Cassens read the results:

For 2 year term: Witt 628

**For 4 year term: Schoeny 309, Joens 190, Heckman 366, Dunlap 361, Waller 365,
Mlakar 279, Martz 444, Kaus 252, Hammer 262**

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Cassens** to proclaim the following candidates as duly elected members of the Eastland CUSD #308 Board of Education.

Augusta Witt – Jane Martz – Chelsey Heckman – Chad Waller – Tony Dunlap

Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS:

The newly elected members took the oath of office. Dr. Kashner invited the new members to take their seats.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS:

Retiring members Cassens, Heldt, and Henze were thanked for their years of service. Dr. Kashner thanked on behalf of the staff, students and community.

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote showed Dunlap, Heckman, Martz, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

❖ Board Reorganization

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Witt** to nominate Superintendent Kashner was nominated as President Pro-Tem.

Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

President Pro-Tem Kashner opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. Steve Snider was nominated for the office of President.

A motion was made by **Dunlap** and seconded by **Waller** to close the nominations for the office of President. Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

As only one member was nominated for the office of President, Kashner declared **Steve Snider** as President.

President Snider opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board. Anthony Preston was nominated for the office of Vice-President.

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Waller** to close the nominations for the office of Vice-President. Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

As only one member was nominated for the office of Vice-President, President Snider declared **Anthony Preston** as Vice-President.

President Snider opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of the Board. Augusta Witt was nominated for the office of Secretary.

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Martz** to close the nominations for the office of Secretary. Voice vote showed all Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

As only one member was nominated for the office of Secretary, President Snider declared **Augusta Witt** as Secretary.

❖ Approval of Contracts in Force

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Witt** to approve the following contracts in force, as presented.

- Norm Brinkmeier as District Treasurer
- Michele Hartman as Board Recording Secretary
- Whitespace LLC for Digital Marketing
- Ratify and retain Board of Education Policies and Contracts in Force
- Approve and retain professional services for the District from the following:
 - Architect – Richard L. Johnson and Associates
 - Attorney – Ward, Murray, Pace and Johnson
 - Auditor – The Benning Group

Roll call vote showed Dunlap, Heckman, Martz, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ Review and Revise Board Committee Assignments

The board discussed committee assignments and agreed to the following:

F,F,T (Finance, Facilities & Transportation): Preston, Snider, Witt

Curriculum: Heckman, Martz

Policy: Dunlap, Waller

❖ Review of Board Meeting Dates

The board was reminded of the upcoming scheduled regular meeting dates.

May 17, 2023; EES 6:30 pm

June 28, 2023; EES 6:30 pm (this will include the Amended Budget Hearing)

❖ 1st Reading of the 2023-24 School Fees

The board heard the 1st reading of the proposed school fees for the 2023-24 school year.

PERSONNEL:

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Preston** to approve personnel as follows:

- Hire: **Rhonda Wade** as EJSJS Special Education Teacher for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, effective May 8, and for the 2023-24 school year.

Roll call vote showed Dunlap, Heckman, Martz, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Witt** to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Voice vote showed all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Steven Snider, President

Augusta Witt, Secretary