

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

June 28, 2023 6:38 pm

Steven Snider, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Dunlap, Chelsey Heckman, Jane Martz, Anthony Preston, Steve Snider, Chad Waller, 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 **Waller** and seconded by **Dunlap** to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote showed Dunlap, Heckman, Martz, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.

Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Heckman** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the consensus items as adjusted:

- Minutes of the May 17, 2023 regular meeting.
- Payment of accounts payable for the month of June, 2023.
- May Treasurer's Report.
- Declaring items as surplus

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

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

During Board input, the BOE was asked to share any input or feedback from the recent State of our School presentation that was held on June 14th, 2023. It was shared that the team received one question and has already contacted that individual to share the response. Dr. Kashner shared that the plan is to re-record the presentation to go along with the slides, Q and A and post each one on our website. President Snider complimented the presentation and shared that he thought the information was presented in an easy to listen to format. Additional board members shared feedback that while they wished the turnout was higher, the information shared was great. Dr. Kashner shared that the plan is to have an annual presentation with the topic varying.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

No visitors were present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

During communications, Dr. Kashner shared thank you's received from recent scholarship winners, the PreK board report, and the annual FFA report. Due to an increase in projected

PreK numbers, a third section of Carroll County PreK will be added at Eastland. Dr. Kashner shared that this was already budgeted as we have had three sections for several years and is excited that we will not have a large waitlist. Dr. Kashner highlighted and complimented the accomplishments of the FFA. The entire board discussed how proud the district is of their organization and leadership and how it continues to grow.

OLD BUSINESS:

❖ Approval of the FY23 Amended Budget

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Dunlap** to approve the amended budget for FY23, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ Approval of the 2023-24 Fuel Bid

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the 2023-24 Fuel bid from Carroll Service Company, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ Consideration and Approval of Press Policy Updates

Dr. Kashner reviewed press policy updates for PRESS policies 2:110, 3:40, 4:60, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:150, 5:260, 6:135, 6:230, and 8:20.

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Dunlap** to approve the Press policy updates, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ Approval of 2023-24 School Handbook

A motion was made by **Heckman** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the 2023-24 School Handbook, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ Approval of FY24 GASB 54 Resolution

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Dunlap** to approve the FY24 GASB 54 Resolution, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ Approval of MOU for 3 Circles Ag Grant

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Dunlap** to approve the 2023-24 School Handbook, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ Presentation of the Administrators' Compensation Report for FY24

The Board viewed the FY24 Administrators' Compensation Report. This is an annual requirement and the report is posted on the website.

❖ Consideration of Approval for Jr High Cheerleading

The Board reviewed and discussed survey results for Jr High cheerleading. Dr. Kashner thanked Athletic Director Hartman for his work in compiling data, including student interest data, and conference data.

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Heckman** to approve bringing back 7/8th grade cheerleading for Jr High boys' home basketball games, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

❖ 1st Reading of Proposal of Student Drug Testing

Information was shared regarding a plan to implement student drug testing. The Board discussed various ways to test and testing options. More details and consideration is planned for next month.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Waller** to enter into closed session at 7:23 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 Dunlap, Heckman, Martz, Preston, Snider, Waller, and Witt voting aye.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Heckman** to exit closed session at 8:17 pm. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

PERSONNEL:

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

- Hire:
 - Carly Dorman – ½ time PreK teacher
 - Deanne Rose – day care provider and instructional aide
 - Selena Markely – Elementary teacher
 - Matt Mott – EPC Jr High football coach
 - Emily Metzger – EES instruction aide
 - Shelbie Preston – EES instruction aide
 - Sara McAulliffe – Long-term substitute
- Transfers:
 - Rebecca Green – Instructional aide, from EES to EJSHS
 - Chelsea Hasken – 4th grade teacher to Reading Specialist
 - Renea Noordhoff – EES kitchen aide to EES library aide
 - Heidi Ditzler – EES library aid to EES instructional aide
- Maternity Leave:
 - Kelsey Thurman
- Postings:
 - Instructional Aide
 - Jr High cheerleading coach

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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