

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

July 26, 2023 6:32 pm

Steven Snider, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Dunlap, Chelsey Heckman, Jane Martz, Anthony Preston, Steve Snider, Chad Waller, Augusta Witt

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

- Minutes of the June 28, 2023 amended budget hearing and regular meeting.
- Payment of accounts payable for the month of July, 2023.
- June Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

During Board input, Superintendent Dr. Kashner shared an update on student registration, announcing that the district had a successful online registration period. Dr. Kashner thanked the staff for doing a wonderful job and assisting those that needed technology support. Secretary Witt asked how Kindergarten numbers were looking. Dr. Kashner and Ms. King shared that we currently have 50 kindergarten students, and typically a few more are added before school starts.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

No visitors were present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

During communications, Dr. Kashner shared the PreK monthly board report, professional development presentation, and school board conference information. PreK will have 3 sections again at Eastland with 46 students enrolled. Dr. Kashner shared that he will be presenting at the State Superintendent Conference in September and thanked the BOE for their support. The BOE was provided information regarding the School Board Conference held in November. Dr. Kashner complimented the BOE for all seven members attending, as it shows a commitment to learning and growing together.

OLD BUSINESS:

❖ Approval to Move Forward with a 2023-24 Student Drug Testing Policy

A motion was made by **Snider** and seconded by **Heckman** to approve moving forward with a student drug testing policy, pending legal counsel. A formal policy/plan should be available for the August meeting.

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

❖ Approval of the 2023-24 ISBE Grants

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the 2023-24 ISBE Grants for Title I, Title II, Title IV, IDEA B, IDEA PK, Ag Ed, and 3 circles, as presented.

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

❖ Consideration and Approval of an Additional SRO

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the hiring of a second SRO, pending placement from the Sherriff's office, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ Approval to Post FY24 Budget Hearing Date

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the posting of the FY24 budget hearing date as August 30, 2023, as presented.

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

❖ Crisis Plan 1st Reading

The Board heard a first reading on the Emergency Plan. Dr. Kashner shared that he will be hosting the annual safety meeting in early August. The meeting will include internal and external participants including local fire and police departments. Dr. Kashner shared that he is grateful for the involvement and support of the community and is looking forward to the meeting.

❖ Risk Management 1st Reading

The Board heard a first reading on the Risk Management Plan. Dr. Kashner highlighted the plan stating that a plan on file is required by the state in order to levy in Tort. The Risk Management Plan is designed to increase safety components as much as possible

❖ Flooring Plan Discussion

A discussion regarding flooring options for the district moving forward was held. Dr. Kashner shared price options for LVT, ceramic tile and Terrazzo flooring.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

In the Superintendent Report, Dr. Kashner shared data from Summer School. 59 students attended summer school K-12 with 56 of the students making growth. Dr. Kashner complimented the Principals and staff for making it successful and highlighted changes made to make it as successful as it was.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Martz** to enter into closed session at 7:55 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 **Preston** to exit closed session at 8:03 pm. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

PERSONNEL:

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

- Hire:
 - Moniqua Camacho – EES kitchen aide
 - Matt Leitzen – EPC football coach
 - Brittany Welch – JH cheerleading sponsor
 - Holly Plock – EJSJS instructional aide
- Resignation:
 - Amy Schubert – EJSJS instructional aide
- Contract Renewal:
 - Melissa McLain – Food Service Director
- Postings:
 - Bus aides

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