

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

December 20, 2023 6:41 pm

Steven Snider, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Kayleigh King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Jadin Belander, Cameron Blevins, Josh Ehlers, Jeremy Flikkema, Bob Kalina, Stacy Kalina, Minnie Markley, Selena Markley, Rubi McDermott, Crystal Rekart, Tristan Rekart, Kari Scobee, Jamie Scobee, Roger Tanner, Lucas Willhite

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heckman** and seconded by **Witt** to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote showed 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 amended:

- Minutes of the November 15, 2023 regular meeting.
- Payment of accounts payable for the month of December, 2023.
- November Treasurer Report.

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

BOARD INPUT:

During Board input, Dr. Kashner shared information from the Board Conference and thanked all Board members for attending.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Community members, students and teachers was all welcomed. During public comment, Community member Jeremy Flikkema asked specific questions regarding the purchase of 210 E Pearl St and the potential purchase of 202 E Pearl St. Community members Bob and Stacy Kalina also addressed the Board regarding the property purchases, expressing concerns as the property is adjacent to their home. Dr. Kashner commented that he would reach out to them to schedule a meeting to discuss and rectify their concerns. Teacher Kari Scobee addressed the BOE thanking them for their support and commented on how she will miss Eastland upon leaving at the end of this school year. Mrs. Scobee will be resigning at the end of the current school year after 21 years of teaching due to her family relocating. President Snider and the entire board thanked her for her comments and years of service.

COMMUNICATIONS:

During communications the PreK board report and updated information regarding the McKinney-Vento act were shared.

OLD BUSINESS:

❖ Approval of 2023 Tax Levy

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the 2023 tax levy, as presented.

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

❖ Approval of Board Policies

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the following Board policies updated by PRESS , as presented.

2:20, 2:110, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 3:50, 4:10, 4:30, 4:60, 4:90, 4:130, 4:160, 4:170, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:120, 5:150, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:65, 6:230, 6:270, 6:280, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:190, 7:250, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290, 7:345, 8:30

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

❖ Approval of School Facility Use

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Heckman** to approve the use of facilities for the EAC winter youth basketball league, as presented.

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

❖ Approval of Resolution to Submit Property Bids

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve a resolution authorizing the District to submit bids for property adjacent to the school district, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ Approval of CollegeNow Agreement Renewal

A motion was made by **Heckman** and seconded by **Witt** to approve the renewal of the CollegeNow agreement with Highland Community College, as presented.

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

❖ **Approval of Activity Bus Lease**

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Waller** to approve a new bus lease program for two new activity buses, as presented.

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

❖ **Approval of E-Sports Club**

Teacher Josh Ehlers presented about having an e-sports club and highlighted that it provides another opportunity for students, low start-up costs and is a booming industry including college e-sport teams and even possible scholarships. The e-sports club will start this year.

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Martz** to approve an E-Sports club, as presented.

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

❖ **Approval of EPC Football Co-Op Renewal**

A motion was made by **Witt** and seconded by **Heckman** to approve the renewal of the EPC Football Co-Op through 2025-2026, as presented.

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

❖ **1st Reading of the 2024-2025 EJSJS Curriculum Guide**

The Board was presented with the first reading of the Jr/Sr High Curriculum Guide. Mrs. Burkholder highlighted changes/updates.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

In the Superintendent Report, Dr. Kashner provided an update on the new addition at EES. He commented that the Regional Office of Education inspection was held and that the district is approved for occupancy. Dr. Kashner shared the moving plan of staff offices moving over break but that student locations will stay the same until the 2024-2025 school year.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heckman** and seconded by **Witt** to enter into closed session at 8:06 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).
- To discuss the purchase or lease of property for use of a public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel of land should be acquired by the district.

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

A motion was made by Preston and seconded by Waller to exit closed session at 8:52 pm. Voice vote showed all ayes. Motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL:

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

- Renewal of Jared McNutt as head football coach.
- Hiring of Daniel Nieves, Jr as substitute kitchen staff.
- Accepted the resignation of Kari Scobee at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.
- Approval medical leaves as presented.
- Approval of internal postings.
- Approved the posting for Football Cheerleading Coach.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Preston and seconded by Snider to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 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