

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

January 20, 2016 6:30 p.m.

William Woessner, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diann Cassens, Lorrie Heeren, Brian Heldt, Steven Snider, Jennifer Sturtevant, William Woessner

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mark D. Hansen, Darcie Feltmeyer, Monica Burkholder

OTHERS PRESENT: DiAnn Adolph, Brad Dunlap, Steve Herkert, Ashley Larak, Amy Snyder, Jon Whitney

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to adopt the agenda after moving “**Recognition of Visitors**” to the 1st item of business. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Heeren** to accept the consensus items as presented:

- Minutes of the December 16, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting; minutes of the Special Strategic Planning meeting; and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the May 21, 2014 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2016; and
- Approve the School Treasurer’s Report for the month of December, 2015;
- To not release Closed Session minutes from 7/15; 8/19; 9/16; 10/22; 11/18; 12/16.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Steve Herkert with the Regional Office Education and representing the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) presented Darcie Feltmeyer with a certificate recognizing her selection as the IPA Northwest Division Elementary Principal of the Year. Mr. Herkert acknowledged her commitment, not only to her role as principal, but to her District and community. As the Northwest Division Principal of the Year, Mrs. Feltmeyer’s nomination materials will go on for consideration for the IPA State Principal of the Year.

BOARD INPUT:

The Board discussed the 1% Sales Tax that will be on the March election ballot. Superintendent Hansen asked the Eastland Board members for direction on the matter. Because the question will be

on the ballot, members agreed that it was important to provide a statement explaining how the tax works, its impact on consumers and the District, how it works in neighboring counties and states that have the sales tax, and how the current Board would use the funds if a majority of the voters in the county approve it. Superintendent Hansen will draft a position statement and publish it through the local papers and media.

Karl Henze entered the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No additional communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **2ND QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW:**

Superintendent Hansen presented a second quarter budget review showing that the District had spent 52% of its budgeted expenditures for the year and explained that he expects the budget to end the year at or under targets and noted that the funds over 50% could be attributed to large capital outlays for summer projects and buses purchased at the beginning of the fiscal year.

➤ **APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASES FOR 2016-2017:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to approve the bid from **Midwest Transit Equipment** for the trade-in of buses 5, 8 and 11 and purchase of (2) 2016 Chevy mini-buses at a net cost of \$48,908. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL TO PUBLISH 3-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve and publish the 3-year Strategic Plan for a final period of review and feedback. The final plan will be approved at the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016.

➤ **PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY APPRAISAL:**

Dr. Hansen shared a summary report from ***Gallagher Basset Appraisal Services***. The report appraised the replacement value of the District buildings and property, as well as their contents. Board members directed Superintendent Hansen to work with the District's property insurance firm to ensure that all property is adequately and correctly insured for its replacement value.

➤ **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION :**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the ***“Resolution Establishing Parameters for Issuance of \$3,500,000 in Working Cash and Health Life Safety Bonds”*** as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVE REVISIONS TO FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Woessner** to approve the recommendations of the Joint Committee of the Eastland-Pearl City Football Co-operative and extend the agreement for one year through the 2017 season. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **FIRST READING OF PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES:**

Principal Burkholder shared proposals for curriculum changes for 2016-17, including course descriptions for new courses in Basic Design, Drawing 101, Graphic Design, Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting and Manufacturing, Introduction to Industrial Arts or Ag Construction & Technologies, Introduction to Digital Media Arts, Painting 101, Robotics and Bio-mechanics, Sculpture and Ceramics, Studio Art, and Yearbook. These courses represent changes or expansions of current curriculum offered at EJSHS. Curriculum changes and a new Curriculum Guide will be approved at the February meeting.

➤ **FIRST READING OF CALENDAR FOR 2016-17 :**

Superintendent Hansen shared a draft of the proposed school calendar for 2016-17. The calendar shows Teacher Institutes on August 15-16, with the first day of student attendance on Wednesday, August 17. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled for Wednesday-Thursday, October 19-20. Spring Break will be March 27-31. If no snow/emergency days are used, the last day of student attendance will be Thursday, May 18, 2017. Ten (10) emergency days will be scheduled at the end of the year from May 22-June 5 to be used as needed. There will be no school on Labor Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, or Memorial Day. Institute and School Improvement Days will be scheduled throughout the year as needed. The final calendar will be approved at the February Board meeting.

➤ **FIRST READING OF PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES:**

Members heard a first reading of revisions to Board policies. Those revisions will be approved at the Regular February meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORSHIP:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Snider** to approve the request for 5th / 6th grade youth basketball winter league. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Hansen thanked and congratulated Darcie Feltmeyer on her *Principal of the Year* award, noting that "real change is incremental. Lasting and meaningful improvement can only occur when competent and dedicated people make an extended commitment. Eastland's good fortune is

that Darcie made this District and this community her home – for 35 years. She will be missed, but she has empowered all of us along the way. We wish her the best as she moves on to the next phase of her life.”

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to enter into closed session at 7:33 p.m. 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).
- the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Woessner** to exit closed session at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Snider** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the following personnel actions:

- Approve the hire of **Angela Mahoney** as Eastland Elementary Principal for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve posting the following vacancies:

Full-time Elementary Physical Education Teacher (gr. K-6) for the 2016-17 school year
Full-time Business/Computers Teacher (gr. 7-12) for the 2016-17 school year
- Approve posting a vacancy for Head High School Volleyball Coach for the 2016 season
- Approve continuing to post the following vacancies:

Non-certified vacancies:

Substitute custodians
Substitute bus drivers

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

William Woessner, President

Jennifer Sturtevant, Secretary