

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

March 16, 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: Jodie Day, Josh Day, Bonnie Dertz, Elijah Dertz, Rich Groezinger, Kimberly Livingston, Megan Livingston, Jeff McIntyre, Daniel Sauer, Jared Sauer

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting; and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the June 23, 2014 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of March, 2016; and
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2016;

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

BOARD INPUT:

- Board members discussed possible plans for celebrating 30 years of the Eastland School District.
- Members Steve Snider and Brian Heldt spoke briefly about the Illinois Association of School Boards Dinner Meeting held in Dixon on March 3rd.
- Members agreed to contribute to a Board Scholarship for a graduating senior.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No additional communications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **WRESTLING COOPERATIVE PRESENTATION:**

The Board heard a presentation from Eastland parents and students who participated in the West Carroll Jr. High Wrestling Co-operative for the first time in 2016. They commended the West Carroll coaches and parents for welcoming them to the team, for coaching the boys and teaching them the values of hard work and sportsmanship. The parents are asking the Eastland Board to solicit West Carroll to see if they would be willing to have Eastland as a co-operative partner at the high school level starting in 2016-17. Principal Burkholder will investigate and will make an informational report at the April meeting.

Karl Henze entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

➤ **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FEES:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Woessner** to approve the following fees for 2016-2017:

Lunch Fees:		Instructional Materials Fees:	
Gr K-2	\$2.10	Gr K	\$37.50
Gr 3-8	\$2.30	Gr 1-2	\$42.50
Gr 9-12	\$2.40	Gr 3-8	\$47.50
		Gr 9-12	\$55.00
Driver Education	\$50.00		

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL / CREDIT RECOVERY:**

A motion was made by **Heeren** and seconded by **Heldt** to offer summer school/credit recovery courses through the Illinois Virtual School (IVS) to students in grades 7-12 who have failed coursework and need to move on and/or graduate. Classes will be held from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday starting June 6th and running through June. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **STANDARDS BASED GRADING:**

Superintendent Hansen shared plans for K-12 teachers to receive professional development in the implementation of standards-based grading. Training days are scheduled on May 23, 24 and 25. The goal is to transition to standards-based report cards at all grade levels within the next three years. An executive summary of research on the benefits of standards-based grading can be accessed on the district homepage at www.eastland308.com.

➤ **TRANSPORTATION GOALS:**

Dr. Hansen shared reports on transportation goals included in the new strategic plan. Members discussed length of routes, after-practice transportation policies, use and employment of bus aides on different routes, availability of licensed bus drivers, costs for air-conditioning buses, and costs for

providing Wi-Fi access to students who are riding the bus. The Board will act to continue or change policies and practices at their April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORSHIP:**

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve a request to sponsor the non-school youth football program for Eastland and Pearl City students from June through October, 2016. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve renewal with the **Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company** to provide Voluntary Student Accident Insurance, and **AIG** to provide Blanket Special Risk Catastrophic Accident Insurance for 2016-17. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SHARED SERVICES:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Snider** to approve the following agreements with Chadwick-Milledgeville District 399:

- Renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Chadwick-Milledgeville for 2016-17 to share transportation to satellite programs housed in Morrison, Rock Falls, Sterling and Freeport.
- A new 2-year intergovernmental agreement to provide pre-school special education services to Chadwick-Milledgeville students who will attend the program housed at Eastland Elementary in Shannon starting in 2016-17.

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

➤ **FIRST READING OF PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:**

Superintendent Hansen shared a proposal from the Bi-County Special Education Co-operative to share a new position of “program coordinator” between three (3) different districts. The position is designed to provide assistance to special education teachers and building administrators in smaller districts to help ensure that individual education plans are prepared and administered in compliance with the law. The projected cost of the purchased service is approximately \$14,000 annually. Action on the proposal will be scheduled for the Regular April Board meeting.

➤ **FIRST READING ON SAT EXAM:**

The Board discussed Illinois’ plan to replace the ACT exam with the SAT. The transition is likely to take place in 2017. The State Board of Education has approved the change through a competitive

bidding process. The SAT exam will produce a more powerful and predictive report on each student's college-readiness at less expense to the state and local districts. Free diagnostic and individualized preparation coursework will be available to all students online through Khan Academy.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Heldt** to enter into closed session at 7:30 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).

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 **Henze** to exit closed session at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:

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

- Approve the hire of **Olivia Guerra** as Elementary Art/Computers Teacher for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve the re-assignment of **Kayla Ruter** from substitute driver to Special Route Driver effective March 1, 2016.
- Approve the hire of **Rachel Todd** as Summer School/Credit Recovery Facilitator for Eastland Jr/Sr High School in 2016.
- Approve the re-employment of Fourth Year, Part-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Kim Haverland**, for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve re-employment of First Year, Full-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Michael Ashworth**, **Joslynn Lindsey**, **Ashley Larak**, **Chelsea Anderson**, **Jessica Peugh**, and **Nicole Brinker** for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve re-employment of Second Year, Full-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Keali Engelkens**, **Danielle Kempel**, **Mindy Hayden**, **Adam Head**, and **Ben Randecker** for the 2016-17 school year.

- Approve re-employment of Third Year, Full-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Brandon Bull**, **Keri Heeren**, and **Bill McLain** for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve re-employment of Third Year, Full-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Lindsey Wood** for the 2016-17 school year. This renewal results in granting of “continued contractual service,” otherwise known as “tenure,” as prescribed in statute.
- Approve re-employment of Fourth Year, Full-time, Non-Tenured Certified Staff, **Cynthia Feltmeyer**, **Stephanie Lamoreux**, **Bonnie Dertz**, for the 2016-17 school year. These renewals result in granting of “continued contractual service,” otherwise known as “tenure,” as prescribed in statute.
- Approve a resolution authorizing renewal of **all other certified teachers** (not previously listed) for 2016-17.
- Approve a resolution authorizing renewal of **all other non-certified employees** (not previously listed) for 2016-17.
- Approve continuing to post for the following certified vacancies:
 - Full-time Business/Computers Teacher gr. 7-12 for 2016-17
- Approve continuing to post for the following non-certified and differential vacancies:
 - Head High School Volleyball Coach
 - Sub Bus Drivers
 - Sub Custodians
 - Sub Cooks and/or Kitchen Assistants
- Approve posting vacancies for three (3) summer crew workers for 2016 and one (1) computer aide

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to adjourn at 7:50 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