

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

October 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.

William Woessner, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mark D. Hansen, Monica Burkholder

OTHERS PRESENT: DiAnn Adolph, Dan Beyer, Dillion Eich

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting; destruction of the audiotape minutes of the May 20, 2015 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of October, 2016 in the amount of \$407,962.77;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2016;

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

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

- Members discussed the Board election scheduled for April 4, 2017;
- Board convention plans for November 18,19 and 20;
- Key points from the presentation by Ralph Martire of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability at a recent IASB-NW dinner meeting;
- Master Board Member Level I training completed by Jennifer Sturtevant and Brian Heldt and Level I and II training completed by Karl Henze and Lorrie Heeren;

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Hansen shared a note from a parent concerned about the summer reading requirement implemented in 2016 and the Board's consideration for expanding the requirement to more grade levels in 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **AGREEMENT WITH THE RED CROSS:**

Action on the previously tabled motion to approve an agreement with the American Red Cross was, again, left tabled.

➤ **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

• **Transportation Committee:**

Met on October 5th with representatives of Midwest Transit of Kankakee to learn more about the advantages and disadvantages of leasing buses from the company;

- Discussed length of time on the bus for students on regular routes – Superintendent Hansen will provide a report in November;
- Identified possible fleet replacements for 2017-18:

Bus #4 – 65 passenger	2010 International	71,585 miles (currently used as a spare
Bus #10 – 71 passenger	2011 International	98,721 miles
Van #24 – 9 passenger	2011 Chevy Van	139,120 miles

• **Facilities Committee:**

Met on October 5th to discuss punch list and outstanding items from Phase I of the EES HVAC project, and design work currently underway for Phase II at EJSHS;

- Reviewed progress made on 1) 10-year Health Life Safety Review items; 2) 2015-16 approved facility improvements, and 3) 2016-17 approved facility improvements;
- Identified facility improvement projects for 2017-18:

Building	U-Urgent; N-needed; W-wanted	2017-18 Project Priorities
EJSHS (Lanark)	N	Replace boilers, unit ventilators, pipes and traps 1952 and 1958 sections of the building with new heating, ventilation and air conditioning
	N	fire rated glass must be insalled in window in the door to the prep room adjacent the science lab #122
	N	exhaust fans must be installed in teachers' lounge, custodial closets on main floor, custodial closet off of the Art room, and lower level custodial closets
	N	clothes dryer in Home Ec. Room must vent to the exterior
	N	ensure door hardware in old boys locker room latches completely when door closes.
EES (Shannon)	N	existing borrowed lights are not fire rated and need to be replaced
	N	exterior concrete stairs in back (south) side of building are in poor condition; need to be demolished and replaced
	N	the ground level access door to space under the 1926 gym needs to be replaced
	N	need to evaluate tuckpointing and repair as needed
	N	need to paint interior classrooms and hallways in older sections of EES
	N	need to replace urinals and drainpipes on first floor and in the crawlspace in the 1957 section

- Learned that the District has been approved to receive federal e-rate funding to pay 70% of the costs for an upgrade of the wireless infrastructure at Eastland Elementary and Eastland Jr/Sr High Schools. Total cost of the work is projected to be \$78,000. The upgrade will increase bandwidth and build capacity for future technologies and applications that will require it.
- **Curriculum Committee:**
Met on September 14th and October 5th, and scheduled to meet again on November 2nd;
 - Discussed how recent District curriculum initiatives can be measured and evaluated for effectiveness;
 - Discussed a letter for John Gvozdjak of Frantz Manufacturing on the skills deficit that manufacturers are seeing;
 - Discussed student performance on Measures of Annual Progress on Strategic Goals;
 - Discussed feedback from the *5Essentials Survey of Learning Conditions* administered in January-March, 2016;
 - Began to discuss whether any new curriculum initiatives will be proposed for Board approval in December.

➤ **APPROVAL OF POLICIES:**

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

➤ **PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING MODEL:**

Dr. Hansen shared a video on the Evidence-Based Funding Model that has been developed through the Vision 20/20 process and introduced as legislation. Evidence-based funding has received endorsements from around the state as the best plan for improving the adequacy and the equity of school funding in Illinois.

➤ **1ST QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW:**

Dr. Hansen reported that expenditures are in line with projections and that funds or line items over the 25% expenditure mark are the result of initial outlays or large expenditures for supplies at the beginning of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve field trip requests for FFA students to attend the State Agronomy and Dairy Foods Contest in Champaign, the 360 Leadership Conference in Bloomington, and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the bid from **Tim Kaus** at \$70 per machine for snow removal services at Eastland Elementary and Eastland Jr/Sr High School for the winter of 2016/2017. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **1ST READING OF ADDITIONAL STRATEGIC GOAL:**

The Board heard a first reading of an additional strategic goal measure to be added to the Strategic Plan. The recommendation is to add a goal on District-wide inclusive practices for students with disabilities as follows:

Proposed Goal: 2016-2018 trend data will show that % students with disabilities who are educated with their non-disabled peers for at least 80% of the day will meet State Targets (currently 56%).

<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
68%	60%	33%	56%	61%	

Dr. Hansen explained that including the goal in the strategic plan will be helpful in ensuring that inclusive practices are monitored and evaluated regularly.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to enter into closed session at 7:12 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 **Woessner** to exit closed session at 7:17 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Heeren** 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 **Linda Mears** as a substitute bus aide pending completion of pre-employment paperwork.

- Approve **Bethany Bremmer** as a cafeteria substitute effective immediately.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

William Woessner, President

Jennifer Sturtevant, Secretary