

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

November 16, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Karl Henze, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mark D. Hansen, Monica Burkholder, Angela Mahoney

OTHERS PRESENT: DiAnn Adolph, Scott Johnson, Bob St. Mary

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting; destruction of the audiotape minutes of the June 17, 2015 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of November, 2016 in the amount of \$1,227,457.32;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2016;

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

BOARD INPUT:

- Members discussed timelines for the board election scheduled for April 4, 2017;
- Board convention plans for November 18,19 and 20; and
- Dates and tasks for board committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Hansen shared the following communications:

- From a community member congratulating the volleyball team and Coach Clements on their State Runner-Up finish;
- A thank you to Eastland Elementary staff and students for the Veterans' Day breakfast and ceremony on November 10th; and

- A thank you from alumnus Taylor Heeren to EJSHS students and staff for the donations of shoes to the volleyball team at the school in Mississippi where she is teaching.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **PHASE II DESIGN – EJSHS HVAC PROJECT:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to solicit bids for Phase II of the HVAC replacement project at Eastland Jr/Sr High School and approve bids at the December 21, 2016 Board of Education meeting. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

- **AGREEMENT WITH THE RED CROSS:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to rescind and remove from future agendas the item regarding approval of the contract with the **American Red Cross** to use EJSHS as an emergency shelter due to the lack of response from the Red Cross. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

- **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Curriculum Committee:

The committee analyzed trend data and found that:

- the following initiatives continue to be effective in improving outcomes for students: Math-in-Focus/Singapore math curriculum, character education, dual math for sophomores, Physics First for 9th graders, summer credit recovery for students in grades 7-12, and Advanced Placement Courses for students in grades 10-12;
- the following initiatives have not been as effective as necessary in improving outcomes for students: reading interventions and Developmental English have not in general improved the reading proficiency of struggling readers in relation to their peers;
- the % of students scoring 4's and 5's on the state PARCC test is well above the state and region average;
- specific curriculum revisions should be considered and evaluated, including:
 1. changes to the intervention and Developmental English curricula
 2. changes to course sequencing in Family and Consumer Science so that FACS I is prerequisite to FACS II
 3. changes to Geography and World History to change how units are organized
 4. changes to physical education to group grades 9-10 and grades 11-12
 5. changes to jr. high eligibility requirements
 6. adding summer school for elementary students struggling to read at grade level

Administrators, teachers and professional staff will work together to formulate specific recommendations to present for Board approval in January.

Facilities Committee:

The committee identified projects for consideration as follows:

- at EES in Shannon, replace the deteriorating concrete stairs on the south side of the 1927 gym, evaluate and repair tuck pointing as needed, paint interior classrooms in the older sections of the building, replace urinals and plumbing in the first floor restroom in the 1957 section, and replace the lights in the gymnasiums with LED fixtures;
- at EJSHS in Lanark, complete Phase II of the HVAC replacement project, install exhaust fans in custodial closets and rooms as directed in the 10 yr HLS survey, evaluate and take steps to improve ground drainage at the north end of the new addition, and replace the lights in the old gymnasium with LED fixtures.

Estimates will be secured and presented to the Board of Education for approval in December.

Transportation Committee:

The committee identified the following vehicles for trade-in and replacement:

- Bus #4 (2010 full-sized, 65 passenger bus) and
- Bus #10 (2011 full-sized, 71 passenger bus)
- All-wheel drive van (2010, 8-passenger)

Bids will be solicited so that costs to lease can be compared with costs to purchase or lease-to-own. The Board will act to approve bids at the Regular December meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL STUDENT OUTCOMES:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the additional measures in the Strategic Plan that the percentage of students with disabilities educated will be with their non-disabled peers for at least 80% of the day. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **REPORT ON PARCC TESTS:**

Dr. Hansen shared a report on Eastland students' performance on the state PARCC tests administered in the spring of 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY LEVY:**

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

➤ **1ST READING OF BOARD POLICIES:**

The Board heard a first reading of an additional strategic goal measure to be added to the Strategic Plan. Action to approve new local and recommended policies is scheduled for the Regular December Board meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL TO AMEND CALENDAR:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve amending the 2016-17 school calendar as follows:

- Friday, November 11, 2016 - - “NIA”
- Wednesday, November 30, 2016 - - “XHS” dismissing at 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 19, 2017 - - “X” and
- Monday, May 22, 2017 - - “TI”

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Sturtevant** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the hire of **Peggy Poffenberger** as a substitute bus aide. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

Karl Henze, President Pro Tempore

Jennifer Sturtevant, Secretary