

**EASTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #308**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 15, 2014 6:30 p.m.**  
**William Woessner, Presiding**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet Golden, Lorrie Heeren, Karl Henze, Connie Lower, Steven Snider, Jennifer Sturtevant and William Woessner.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erin Paulsen and Anne Pilgrim

**ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:** A motion was made by **Golden** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve the agenda as adjusted. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

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

- Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting and March 21, 2012 Executive Session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2014;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2013;
- Review of closed session minutes of July 17, August 21, September 18, October 2, October 16, and December 18, 2013 (not to release to public inspection due to content requiring confidential treatment.)

Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye.

**Motion carried.**

**BOARD INPUT:**

Superintendent Hansen shared a summary of the informational presentation that the three Carroll County superintendents are developing to explain the 1% sales tax to the public. On Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, the superintendents presented a draft presentation to a group of twenty community members for input and feedback. Based on that feedback, the presentation will be revised and improved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Hansen explained that the Sterling Public Schools' petition to withdraw from the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative was disapproved by the Regional Boards of Trustees after a hearing held on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be Sterling's decision whether to accept the decision of the Regional Boards of Trustees, or appeal to the Illinois State Board of Education.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **➤ AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Superintendent Hansen will be meeting with police officers from Shannon and Lanark to evaluate on-duty schedules in relation to student attendance days. He will present information on those schedules to the Board in February, along with an analysis of the potential impact on law enforcement response time. The District is seeking quotes on school security camera systems, and hopes to have a recommendation for the February meeting.

### **➤ APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES:**

A motion was made by **Woessner** and seconded by **Lower** to approve the curriculum changes for 2014-2015 as presented. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

### **➤ APPROVAL OF EHS CURRICULUM GUIDE:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve the curriculum guide for 2014-2015 as presented. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

### **➤ BUDGET UPDATE:**

Dr. Hansen provided the Board with a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget update. He is projecting a \$50,000 deficit in the Education Fund at the conclusion of the year with revenues sufficient to meet expenditures for the Transportation and Operations and Maintenance funds.

### **➤ APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO SELF-ADMINISTER PROGRAM:**

A motion was made by **Golden** and seconded by **Woessner** to approve a proposal to self-administer specific special education programs currently administered by the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

- to self-administer its own Special Education Pre-School program for 2014-15,
- to provide Speech/Language services for those Special Education Pre-School students with the District's Speech/Language Pathologist, as opposed to purchasing the services of an itinerant Speech/Language Pathologist from the Cooperative to serve those students, and
- to reduce from two (2) days to one (1) day the purchased services of an itinerant Social Worker from the Cooperative

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISION:**

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Golden** to approve a policy revision to the policy on field trips adding language pertaining to out-of-country educational trips. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Snider** to approve a one-year extension of the Eastland-Pearl City High School Football Cooperative Agreement through the conclusion of the 2015 season. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

The Board heard a first reading of the proposed school calendar for 2014-15. Superintendent Hansen met with the Calendar Committee of the Eastland Education Association, but had not received feedback or input prior to the meeting. Feedback from the staff will be considered and coordinated with the Chadwick-Milledgeville and WACC calendars, and a final recommendation brought to the Board for approval in February.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by **Heeren** and seconded by **Lower** to enter into closed session at 7:26 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 Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heeren** to exit closed session at 7:48 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

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

- Re-assignments of the following transportation personnel:
  - **Melody Krieger** from Special Pre-School Route to Regular Route
  - **Janessa Gravenstein** from Extra-Shuttle Route to Special Pre-School Route
  - **Jack Birkholz** from sub driver to Extra-Shuttle Route driver
  
- Hire of **Rick Sivertsen** as a sub bus driver pending completion of employment paperwork;
  
- Continuing to post a vacancy for an Assistant Jr. High Football Coach for the E-PC Co-op for the 2014 season;
  
- Posting a vacancy for a long-term sub for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from February 24-April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014;
  
- Posting the following teaching vacancies for 2014-15 with an application deadline of March 1, 2014:
  - full-time Kindergarten teacher
  - full-time Third Grade teacher
  - full-time High School Special Education Teacher

A motion was made by **Heeren** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

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William Woessner, President

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Janet Golden, Secretary