

EASTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #308
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.
William Woessner, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorrie Heeren, Connie Lower, Steven Snider, Jennifer Sturtevant and William Woessner.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mark D. Hansen, Monica Burkholder

OTHERS PRESENT: DiAnn Adolph, Jennifer DeMichele, Cindy Feltmeyer, MaryBeth Landherr

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

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the January 15, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting and March 21, 2012 Executive Session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of February, 2014;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2014;
- FFA field trip request for March 7
- Review of student suspensions

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

BOARD INPUT:

Superintendent Hansen shared information on the Spring Dinner Meeting of the Illinois Association of School Boards on March 4th and brochures on the 1% School Facilities Sales Tax. He asked the Board for input into policy regarding use of school facilities by non-school groups, both for-profit and not-for profit. The policy committee will bring a recommendation back to the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Parent Jennifer DeMichele addressed the Board of Education regarding the out-of-country educational trip to Costa Rica scheduled for the summer of 2015. She spoke of her recent trip to the country, and wanted the members to be aware that laws there are more lax. She also explained that the language barrier can be significant in that many of the people do not speak or understand English. The board members thanked her for sharing her experiences and concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dr. Hansen shared a complimentary letter from a parent of a high school student who recently transferred to Eastland. The letter explained that the entire family has felt encouraged and welcomed to the district, and commended the high school staff for going “above and beyond to model courtesy, hospitality and acceptance.”
- Mrs. Matheson shared information regarding four EHS students who had artwork juried into the Rockford Art Museums 73rd Young Artist Show: Farrah Stubbe, Karalicia Kennedy, Shandi Groezinger, and Alyssa Multhauf.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE:**

The Board heard an update on progress made in implementing recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on School Security.

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Snider** to approve the bid from **Aero Computing, LTD** for \$77,783.86 for the purchase and installation of high definition security cameras in the Eastland Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Schools. Roll call vote showed Heeren, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

The Board tabled a decision on purchasing smartphones and service agreements for specific administrators and staff members until the Policy Committee has considered rules or regulations that might be necessary. The Board also wants to consider whether the purchase is necessary and appropriate, and asked for information on what other districts do with regard to issuance of cell phones.

➤ **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

A motion was made by **Woessner** and seconded by **Lower** to approve amending the 2013-14 school calendar to request “Act of God” days for snow days taken on January 28th and February 5th and directed Superintendent Hansen to prepare a calendar for approval in March for the 2014-15 school year with 10 emergency days. Roll call vote showed Heeren, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL TO LET BIDS FOR BUSES:**

A motion was made by **Snider** and seconded by **Heeren** to direct Superintendent Hansen to solicit bids for the trade-in and purchase of two school buses for the 2014-15 school year, and to also solicit quotes for financing these purchases through lease-to-own contracts.

➤ **UPDATE ON TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN:**

Dr. Hansen shared updates on the Teacher Evaluation Plan.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to enter into closed session at 7:56 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).
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

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

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Heeren** and seconded by **Lower** to approve the following personnel actions:

- A. Approve the hire of **Chelsea Bordner** as a long term substitute teacher in 4th grade starting February 24, 2014;
- B. Approve and accept the notice of intent to retire of **Michele Horner** as Building Aide effective June 5, 2014 (or the last day of student attendance);
- C. Approve the hire of **Samantha Stephenson** as a Special Route Transportation Aide effective immediately;
- D. Approve a motion to continue posting a vacancy for an Assistant Jr. High Football Coach for the E-PC Co-op for the 2014 season;
- E. Approve posting the following teaching vacancies for 2014-15 with an application deadline of March 1, 2014:

1. one, part-time Special Education Pre-School Teacher

2. one, full-time Kindergarten teacher
3. one, full-time Third Grade teacher
4. one, full-time High School Special Education Teacher

F. Approve posting the following vacancies for the Summer of 2014 with an application deadline of March 12, 2014:

1. Summer custodial crew (3)
2. Summer technology crew (1)

A motion was made by **Sturtevant** and seconded by **Heeren** to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

William Woessner, President

Janet Golden, Secretary