

**EASTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #308**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 16, 2014 6:30 p.m.**  
**William Woessner, Presiding**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DiAnn Adolph, SueAnn Bamberg, Diann Cassens, Kelli Gunderson

**ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:** A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Lower** to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote showed Golden, 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 March 19, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the September 19, 2012 Executive Session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of April, 2014;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2014;
- Review of student suspensions

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

**BOARD INPUT:**

Dates of upcoming events were shared as follows:

May 2	7:15 am	Volunteer Breakfast	EJSHS
May 8	6:30 pm	Gr 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Music Concert	EES
May13	7:00 pm	Jr High Spring Concert/Art Show	EJSHS
May 14	7:00 pm	Senior Awards/Scholarship Night	EJSHS
May 18	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate	EJSHS
May 23	7:00 pm	Graduation	EJSHS
June 6	8:00 am	Last Day Teacher Institute/Breakfast	EJSHS

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Hansen shared the following:

- Pre-K Board Report from Darcie Feltmeyer, Director of the Carroll County Early Step Consortium,
- News articles on the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Living History Museum,

- EHS students who won first place on a video contest on healthy relationships,
- Results of the Highland Community College Juried Art Competition.
- Diann Cassens presented her annual report on library services in the district.

**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. Dr. Hansen shared a preview of how the new video surveillance system works, highlighting some of the enhancements from the old system. The project is nearing completion. He will be meeting with the Shannon Village Board in May to discuss law enforcement schedules and potential impact on response time.

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

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Lower** to approve the implementation of a summer school/credit recovery program for students in grades 7-12 at an estimated cost of \$2550, not including transportation. Roll call vote showed Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE FOR AP COURSEWORK:**

A motion was made by **Woessner** and seconded by **Henze** to approve a weighted grading scale for Advanced Placement coursework. Roll call vote showed Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **THIRD QUARTER UPDATE:**

Dr. Hansen presented a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Update that shows the total budget at 75% expenditures at the end of the quarter. The Education Fund is at 76% expenditure, the Operations Fund at 84% expenditure, and the Transportation Fund at 58% expenditure.

➤ **APPROVAL TO RENEW AGREEMENTS:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Woessner** to approve renewal of intergovernmental agreements with **Chadwick-Milledgeville** for 1) shared transportation for the 2014-15 school year, and 2) high school boys' and girls' track for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Roll call vote showed Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **1<sup>st</sup> READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS:**

First readings were held for local policy proposals and PRESS service recommendations. Policies will be approved at the regular meeting of May 21, 2014.

➤ **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS:**

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve field trip requests to the FFA State Convention in Springfield, the FFA Washington Leadership Conference, and the FFA Washington Heritage and Co-op Tour, all in June. Roll call vote showed Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **1<sup>st</sup> READING OF RECOMMENDED SCHOOL FEES FOR 2014-15:**

Dr. Hansen presented for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading a recommendation on school fees for the 2014-15 school year. He shared information showing that 15 of 16 northwest school districts surveyed had higher annual fees required than Eastland. The data shows that Eastland's fees are lower than the average in every fee category. He recommended no increases to fees for 2014-15, other than the federally-required increases of 10 cents for school lunches:

<u>Gr. Level</u>	<u>Current Lunch Price</u>	<u>2014-15 Lunch Price</u>
K-2	\$1.80	\$1.90
3-8	\$2.00	\$2.10
9-12	\$2.10	\$2.20

The Board will act to approve 2014-15 school fees at the Regular May meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF STUDENT INSURANCE:**

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Henze** to approve **Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company** to provide Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2014-15, and **AIG** to provide Blanket Special Risk Catastrophic Accident Insurance for the district at an annual premium rate of \$894.80. Roll call vote showed Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **DISCUSSION OF BUILDING APPRAISALS:**

The Board discussed whether or not to seek an appraisal of the value of buildings and contents for property insurance purposes to be assured that property and contents are adequately insured. The buildings have not been appraised for actual replacement value. Superintendent Hansen will bring additional information on costs and options to the May Board meeting.

➤ **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Hansen shared the following information:

- A recent decision by Highland Community College to align placement test scores to the ACT College Readiness norms, which are used by the state universities in Illinois. Previously, HCC used higher cut scores than those set by ACT, forcing some students into remedial, non-credit bearing courses that they would not have had to take if they attended other Illinois schools. The Eastland administration has been making this case to Highland for several years, and supports the decision.
- An Education Funding Reform bill proposed by Senator Manar of Bunker Hill. The bill is the product of Advance Illinois, a lobbying group for education. Dr. Hansen explained that more information needs to be provided before supporting the bill. His concern is that the goal of better equity in funding, while admirable, could result in reduced funding for downstate schools. He advised the Board to learn as much as possible about the proposal and its motivation.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Lower** to enter into closed session at 7:25 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 Golden, Henze, Lower, Snider, Sturtevant and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Woessner** 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 **Henze** 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:

1. Approve and accept the retirement request of full-time certified teacher **Wendy Johnson** without ERO or LRO effective at the conclusion of the 2013-14 year.
2. Approve and accept the irrevocable notices of intent to retire under the Local Retirement Option of teachers **Colleen Schroeder** and **Bonnie Foust** at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year.
3. Approve the re-assignment of full-time, certified teachers for 2014-15 as follows:

- **Bonnie Foust** - .5 PreK Special Education; .5 Elementary Special Education Teacher
  - **Kari Scobee** - Jr/Sr High Special Education Teacher
4. Approve and accept the hire of the following certified staff for 2014-15 as follows:
- **Jessica Johnson** – Elementary Special Education Teacher
  - **Adam Head** – Jr/Sr High Special Education Teacher
5. Approve the hire of **Scott Hartman** for Summer Driver Education for the summer of 2014.
6. Approve a motion to post a vacancy for a full-time, self-contained 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for 2014-2015 until filled.

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

A motion was made by **Snider** and seconded by **Henze** 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.

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William Woessner, President

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Janet Golden, Secretary