

EASTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #308
REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2014 6:30 p.m.
William Woessner, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Golden, Lorrie Heeren, Karl Henze, Steven Snider, and William Woessner.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DiAnn Adolph, Bonnie Foust, Jean Matheson

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

Connie Lower entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the October 15, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of November, 2014;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2014

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

BOARD INPUT:

- Members were asked for input on Principal Burkholder's recommendation for Baccalaureate and Graduation dates and times. Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 and Graduation will be held on Friday, May 22, 2015;
- 1% Sales Tax referendum results were reviewed;
- Timelines for candidates for Board elections in April, 2015 were discussed and members Heeren and Henze plan to run; Members Lower and Golden plan to retire.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **UPDATES ON SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS:**

Superintendent Hansen updated the Board on approved security enhancements. Installation of shatterproof window film is substantially complete, and the installation of the BluePoint pull stations is scheduled to begin in December.

➤ **APPROVAL OF FALL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER:**

A motion was made by **Woessner** and seconded by **Golden** to approve publication of the *Fall District Newsletter* for 2014. The newsletter will be published digitally, posted on the website, and published as an insert in the Prairie Advocate. The newsletter highlights district initiatives, programming and student achievements. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **SCHOOL REPORT CARD:**

Superintendent Hansen presented the School Report Cards for 2014.

➤ **1ST READING OF RECOMMENDED TRANSPORTATION FLEET PURCHASES:**

The Transportation Committee is recommending four priorities for fleet replacements as follows:

- Priority #1 – Trade-in #14 for double-capacity mini-bus w/ wheelchair lift -- est. \$50,000
- Priority #2 – Trade-in #16 for white, multi-function activity bus -- est. \$45,000
- Priority #3 – Trade-in the Chevy Cruze #21 for a comparable car -- est. \$15,000
- Priority #4 – Trade-in the Van #24 for comparable van -- est. \$22,000

Action authorizing Superintendent Hansen to advertise for bids is scheduled for the December meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF BID FOR REMOVAL OF STAGE BLEACHERS:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Lower** to approve the bid of \$2,879 from **Prowant Construction** for the demolition and disposal of the bleachers on the stage in the contest gym at Eastland Elementary School in Shannon. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Based on Finance Committee recommendations, Superintendent Hansen presented a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the year 2014 of \$6,346,090. A motion was made by **Snider** and seconded by **Woessner** to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **REPORT ON PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES – OCT 27-28:**

Principal Feltmeyer reported that of the 294 students that are currently enrolled in grades K-6 at the elementary in Shannon, teachers were able to hold conferences with 293 parents. Principal Feltmeyer attributed the success of the conferences to the teacher's efforts, starting with early registrations in July, follow-ups at grade level meetings, and personal phone calls two weeks out to parents who were not yet scheduled for a conference.

Principal Burkholder reported that 7th-8th grade teachers had full schedules of conferences for both days. Conferences for students in grades 9-12 were limited, continuing a trend of low participation in conferences for parents of high school students.

➤ **APPROVAL OF SPORTS BOOSTER SPONSORSHIP:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve the request for sponsorship of a non-school youth basketball camp that will be held at Eastland Elementary School in Shannon in December and January. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **1ST READING OF PROPOSAL FOR JUNIOR HIGH SPORT:**

A first reading was held on a proposal to add junior high cross country as a sport for the fall of 2015. Superintendent Hansen has developed a *Sports Interest Survey* to solicit input from students to project future levels of participation before the administrators are ready to make a recommendation of the proposed expansion. More information will be presented in December.

➤ **APPROVAL OF WORK COMP INSURANCE:**

A motion was made by **Golden** and seconded by **Henze** to approve renewal of the annual workers compensation insurance with **QBE** for \$34,462.59. Roll call vote showed Golden, Heeren, Henze, Lower, Snider, and Woessner voting aye. **Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Hansen shared information on manufacturing jobs open and projected over the next five (5) years. The information was provided by employers who have been working with the Whiteside Area Career Center to improve programs that prepare students for jobs in the regional workforce. He also shared information on threats to funding posed by proposals to shift pension costs to local districts and SB16, the bill proposing to reduce state funding provided to Eastland and other districts in the state and region.

A motion was made by **Lower** and seconded by **Heeren** to adjourn at 7:26 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