

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

January 17, 2018

6:37 p.m.

Lorrie Heeren, Presiding

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Dan Beyer, Mike York, Miles Manthey

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

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

Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

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

- Minutes of the December 20, 2017, Regular Board of Education meeting; destruction of the audiotape minutes of the July 20, 2016 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2018 in the amount of \$242,300.15;
- Approve the School Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2017;

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye.

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

The following items were discussed:

- Schedule of Board Committee;
- Superintendent's Evaluation;
- Extra-and Co-curricular Transportation;
- Board Scholarships;
- Upcoming K-1st grade large class sizes;
- IASB NW Dinner in Forrester on March 7.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Hansen informed the board about a case study being done in regards to the boilers. By participating, we will earn a 1 year extension on the current warranty. Hansen also informed the board that science teacher, Mrs. Dertz, received a grant for STEM kits. He mentioned that she does a great job in researching and applying for her own grants.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF ISBE RULE TO PERMIT EASTLAND TO OFFER DRIVER EDUCATION ONLY IN THE SUMMER**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve the proposal for waiver of ISBE rules pertaining to IL School Code that would permit Eastland to offer Driver Education only in the summer, as proposed. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Superintendent Hansen provided the Board with a 2nd quarter financial update.

➤ **APPROVAL TO START A PARENT LEAD TRAP SHOOTING CLUB**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the start-up of a Trap Shooting Club, by parents, for students in grades 7-12, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF RESPONSE TO CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE BOARD REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A NEW FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the response to the Chadwick-Milledgeville Board of Education regarding their request for the formation of a new football cooperative starting in the 2019 season, as presented. The letter explained that Eastland was not willing to leave their current cooperative agreement, but would welcome discussions of a possible new 3-school agreement. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF E-PC FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the proposed revisions to the E-PC Football Cooperative agreement, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the 2018-19 school year calendar, as presented. Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye. **Motion carried.**

➤ **2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

Superintendent Hansen suggested to the Board that the 2019-20 school calendar approval should be put on hold. Based on information received that day, he explained it would be best to wait for the IHSA event calendar and the ISBE spring assessment dates, as that information could cause future changes to the District calendar. No action was taken on the 2019-20 school year calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF A FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

A motion was made by **Heeren** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the four (4) upcoming FFA trips, as presented.

- February 2-3 to Schaumburg for Conference
- Mar 24 to University of IL for State Awards
- April 6 to Kaskaskia College for State Dairy Contest
- April 27 to University of IL for State Livestock Contests

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heeren, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, and Sturtevant voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **1ST READING OF PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SCHEDULING PRACTICES FOR 2018-19**

Principal Burkholder presented options being considered to address the current conflict between block scheduling for high school students that attend WACC. She presented various solutions proposed by staff members. The goal is to come up with a schedule that fits everyone needs, without having WACC students miss quality class time. A final proposal will be presented for Board approval at the February meeting.

➤ **Report on Strategic Action Plan for 2016-2019**

Superintendent Hansen shared a summary of academic outcomes targeted in the 3-year Strategic Plan, bur explained that the full plan is still being updated. He will make a comprehensive update at the February Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to enter into closed session at 7:20 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).
- To consider student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

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

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to exit closed session at 8:24 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

- **NO PERSONNEL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN**
- **DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLY ADDING CLASS SECTIONS AT THE ELEMENTARY**

The Board briefly discussed the challenges associated with adding additional sections at the elementary level. Hansen noted that while there are challenges and changes that will be necessary, the need for additional sections of Kindergarten and 1st Grade is a positive sign. A detailed recommendation on proposed changes to attendance center alignment, facility changes, and future staffing plans will be presented to the Board for approval in February and March.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

Lorrie Heeren, President

Jennifer Sturtevant, Secretary