

- o Food Service Staff Appreciation Day Mon, May 7
- o Teacher/Aide Appreciation Day Tues, May 8
- o School Nurse Appreciation Day Wed, May 9
- o Senior Scholarship Night Wed, May 9, 7:00 pm
- o Baccalaureate Sun, May 13, 7:00 pm
- o Teachers' Institute/Breakfast Fri, May 18, 8:00 am
- o Graduation Sun, May 20, 1:00 pm
- Board of Education Scholarships;
- Student/peer grief counseling group;
- IASB NW Dinner follow-up.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Hansen informed the board that a thank-you had been sent to John and Yvonne Nelson for their annual donation of \$510 to support the Eastland Early Childhood Special Education program.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **UPDATE ON EJSHS DRAINAGE AND BASEBALL CONCOURSE PROJECT**

Superintendent Hansen gave an update on the bid specifications and timeline for the project. A pre-bid meeting, for contractors who plan to bid on the project, is scheduled for March 27th, and the bids will be opened on April 5th. Bids will be reviewed by the Facilities Committee before the April Board meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF TO MOVE 6TH GRADE FROM EES TO EJSHS**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve moving the 6th grade from EES to EJSHS and begin planning the transition, as proposed.

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

Motion carried.

➤ **APPROVAL TO RENEW SHARED TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Chadwick-Milledgeville for shared transportation for the 2018-19 school year, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

➤ **UPDATE ON SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION**

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board that he had received a phone call from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the request to offer Driver Education only in the summer months. The request has been approved and a formal letter is being sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF A FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve Miss Brinker's field trip request for the Civics and Advanced Placement U.S. History students to visit the state capital in Springfield on Saturday, April 21st, as presented.

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

➤ **1ST READING OF PROPOSED SCHOOL FEES FOR 2018-19**

The Board Finance Committee is recommending no increases in fees, with the exception of the mandatory 10-cent increase in lunch prices due. The lunch increase is due to the requirement that public schools gradually increase their meal prices until the price matches the amount that the federal government reimburses district for student free lunch meals. Board decision for the 2018-19 school fees is scheduled for the regular April meeting.

➤ **DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board discussed proposals that the Transportation Committee has been considering. They discussed possibly increasing the number of routes in order to reduce the length of student time on some bus routes, as well as possible incentives to find more substitute drivers. The Board will consider specific proposals and take a plan of action at the regular April meeting.

➤ **DISCUSSION OF INSURANCE RENEWALS**

The Board discussed timeliness for renewal of the District's group health insurance and its property, casualty and liability insurance effective July 1, 2018. In both cases, the goal will be to solicit quotes and to have proposals ready for Board action in May and/or June. The Health Insurance Committee, composed of teachers, non-certified staff and Board members, will meet on May 21st to evaluate all of the renewal options.

➤ **APPROVAL TO RENEW VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Heeren** to approve the renewal of voluntary student accident insurance and catastrophic insurance for the 2018-19 school year, as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Hansen shared a link to a website regarding showing that 104 middle and senior high schools in Iowa are either investigating, planning or already implementing standards-based grading. He also shared a report made annually to the Lake Carroll Association showing that 33 Eastland students are currently residing at Lake Carroll.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to enter into closed session at 7:21 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).

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 **Cassens** to exit closed session at 8:08 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

> APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:

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

- Approve and accept the notice of intent to retire of **Connie Stern**, Eastland Elementary building aide/paraprofessional, effective at the conclusion of the 217-18 school year.
- Approved the hire of **Beth Wilkinson** and **Rachael Nielsen** as teachers for the Eastland K-2 Summer Reading Program.
- Approve the hire of **Anna Drake** as a 6th grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

- Approve the hire of **Jared McNutt** as a 6th grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve the hire of **Chris Dertz** as Social Studies/Physical Education teacher for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve the hire of **Bill McLain** as summer school/credit recovery facilitator for students in grades 7-12 for the summer of 2018.
- Approved the hire of **Amy Schubert** to serve as part-time 1:1 aide/paraprofessional to a student with an individualized educational plan, effective immediately.
- Approved the hire of **Jared McNutt** as head high school coach of the E-PC Football Cooperative for 2018-19.
- Approve posting a vacancy for a Kindergarten teacher for 2018-19 in anticipation of a current teacher accepting employment in another district.
- Approval to continue posting a vacancy for a summer Driver Education teacher starting in June, 2018.
- Approval to continue posting the following full-time teaching vacancies for 2018-19:
 - An Elementary Special Education Teacher with Early Childhood Special Education endorsement preferred
 - A grade 7-12 Math teacher
 - ½ time 7-12 Athletic Director, ½ time Dean of Students (administrative license preferred)
- Approval to continue posting the following differential vacancies for 2018-19:
 - Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - Assistant HS Football Coach for the E-PC Cooperative
- Approval to continue posting for substitute and regular route bus drivers for 2018-19.

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

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 **Preston** to adjourn at 8:11 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