

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

September 9, 2019 - District Office Board Room

Present: Board members: Maggie Vander Wilt, Jared Cook, Nancy Callaway, Greg Salvo, and Nick LaVelle, Superintendent Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Principal Mike Rundall, AD Matt Thompson, HSAP Liaison Diane Nelson, Angel Strait, PJ and Percy Ackerman, and newspapers Lydia Reichenbacher and Matt Rezab. Absent: Jolene Teske and Jay Stanish.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Maggie Vander Wilt with the reading of the E-NP mission statement.

Public Hearing: Resolution to Expend Funds from District's Flexibility Account for Land and Facility Usage

Dr. Zellmer noted the public hearing had been posted in the newspaper for transferring funds from the District's HSAP program to the flexibility account to be used to pay for tennis court usage under a 28E Agreement with the City of Eldora. Hearing no public comment the hearing was declared closed.

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Cindy Bierle noted the additional bill list and one more to Sports Graphics for \$12,022. **Motion** by Greg Salvo seconded by Nancy Callaway to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, August regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollment requests for Liam and Robert Walker from Gladbrook-Reinbeck to E-NP (move), Kyson Mason from BCLUW to E-NP (move), Zaindyn and Zander Squires from E-NP to BCLUW (K), Landon Koss and Kayleigh Courtney from E-NP to AGWSR (move), and Brianna Carrigan from ENP to Iowa Falls; staff recommendations for Cheryl Moss as high school kitchen assistant and Cassandra Clifford as high school media center para; a staff lane change for Erick Schroyer from BA to BA12; 2019-22 IVCCD Clinical Training Agreement and 2019-22 IVCCD Nursing Program Clinical Agreement.

Communication – Public Report Time

Dr. Zellmer read the audience participation policy to the audience and asked for any public communication. Angel Strait spoke on her son who failed the quarter but not the semester because of 2 bad tests. She noted he was going in early for help and trying to improve his grade. PJ Ackerman also noted his son went for assistance and has a 3.0 for other grades. Both noted they didn't know of the ineligibility until the week of the first game.

Discuss/Action 28E Agreement with City of Eldora for Land and Facility Use

Dr. Zellmer noted the 28E agreement was discussed and reviewed in August and this is the official agreement for the next ten years. **Motion** by Nancy Callaway seconded by Jared Cook to approve the 28E Agreement with City of Eldora for Land and Facility Usage. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Board Resolution to Transfer Funds to Flexibility Account for Land and Facility Usage

Dr. Zellmer noted the public hearing was held at the beginning of the meeting, the District has met all obligations of the Home School Assistance Program and has flexibility for how the carryover money is expended. He stated the state gave schools the opportunity to use carry over money from these categorical accounts since it hasn't been able to provide much additional funding and increases in State Supplemental Aid. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the resolution to transfer funds to Flexibility Account for Land and Facility Usage. Voting in favor: Vander Wilt, Salvo, Callaway, Cook, and LaVelle. Opposed: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Academic Eligibility

Dr. Zellmer noted what has to be decided today is the current policy punitive or is it fair? Does days out of activities equal higher academic standards? Is this policy in the best interest of our kids? Are we opening up a can of worms by changing a policy in the middle of the year? If you know you want the policy changed for 2020-21, is it fair to hold this year's students accountable to a policy you don't believe in? He also stated the E-NP policy is above and beyond the state policy with no flexibility if the student is going to study table or improving. It was noted that a study committee to change the policy will take time and if the board does not believe in the policy should they hold the students to it. After much discussion, **motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to make the High School Academic Eligibility Policy

be the same as the State Eligibility Policy of 30 days of ineligibility only at the semester transcribed grading period, and would like a new policy for how students are held accountable and supported at other grading checks throughout the year developed for the 2020-21 School Year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action IASB Delegate Assembly Designee

It was noted that Jay Stanish has done this in the past but was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

**Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nancy Callaway to approve Jay Stanish, if available, as the ENP District Delegate at the IASB Delegate Assembly. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss 2019 Board Elections

Dr. Zellmer noted we have had some people show interest and pick up papers for our open positions.

Deadline for returning paperwork is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Dr. Zellmer noted Principal Henrichs was unavailable for the meeting but had sent his board report. Mr.

Rundall noted he had nothing to add to his board report. Dr. Zellmer noted next week is homecoming,

there is no school on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and the new weekly newsletter launched and is being well received.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center. (This will also be the first joint board meeting of 2019-20.)

Adjournment - With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.