

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Joint Meeting

October 21, 2019 - South Hardin High School Media Center

Present: ENP Board Members: Maggie VanderWilt, Jared Cook, Nancy Callaway, Greg Salvo, Nick LaVelle, and Jay Stanish, Superintendent Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, H-R Board Members: Bob Westendorf, Keith England, Jacob Bolson, Brandy Eilbeck, Leon Schwartz, Board Secretary Deb England, and several presenters and guests. Absent: ENP Board Member Jolene Teske.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Maggie VanderWilt with the reading of the mission statement "Embracing today's challenges, preparing for tomorrow's world."

Review of Joint Board Meeting Norms

Dr. Zellmer read the following meeting norms to follow: We are South Hardin Schools with ENP & HR business units, have fun, have an agenda, stick to it, and stay focused on topic being talked about, no sidebar conversations, no personal attacks on each other, staff members, or programs, our decisions are student based and data supported, feedback is important for growth, we keep our commitments. Follow the SPACE guidelines: S - Seek Opportunities to be Involved, P - Praise/No Put Downs, A - Active Listening, C - Community Feeling / Make Everyone Feel a Part, E - Empathy / Put Yourself in Place of the Other Person

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

In order to conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board will consider a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion. Before a motion is made to consider the Consent Agenda, any board member may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. The removed item will then be considered for separate action.

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Jared Cook to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, September regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Vianna Castillo from E-NP to Newton (move), Braextyn, Bylaec, and Blayne Haines from E-NP to IF (move), and Brandon Vader Peet Montalvo from HR to ENP (enrollment correction); staff resignations from Penelope Klimesh as high school special ed para and Tina Westphal as high school special ed para; staff recommendations for Angel Henrichs and Susan Mueller as high school special ed paras, Carey Winter as elementary mentor (TLC), Ryan Luiken and David Vander Wilt as volunteer high school basketball coaches, Chad Van Zante as volunteer high school wrestling coach; a Contract for Mental Health Programming in SHHS; Level I Investigators – Jaclyn Allain and Tracie Akers and an Iowa State University Field Experience Contract.

Communication - Public Report Time None

Presentation –Kathy Enslin, Central Rivers AEA Board Candidate – Kathy Enslin gave the board a handout and told them her qualifications for running for the AEA Central Rivers Board of Directors.

Presentation- Iowa Valley Community College Bond Issue - Dr. Martin Reimer, Provost of Ellsworth Community College, gave the board a brief overview of Iowa Valley Community College needs. He noted on November 5th there will be a \$32 million General Obligation Bond Referendum before area voters. This bond would be used to bring buildings up to standards and add on to the ECC dorm capacity as well as other infrastructure needs.

Board Sharing of Positives & Shout Outs from 2019-20 School Year – Several things were noted as positives including the new newsletter highlighting what’s going on in the buildings, bringing the communities together, all of the administrative teams doing a good job, and the Sunday updates from Dr. Zellmer.

Preparing #OurKids for Their Future (SHHS): Future Ready Iowa, Career and Technical Education, & AIW (Authentic Intellectual Work) at South Hardin High Schools – High School Principal Mike Rundall gave the board an overview of the high school career and technical education departments and Future Ready Iowa, and explained how the AIW process for professional development works.

National FFA Convention Trip (Mr. Pfantz) - Greg Pfantz, Ag teacher and FFA Advisor, informed the board he would like to take five FFA students to the FFA National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 29 – November 2.

Reports - ENP Elementary – E-NP Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs noted the elementary is working on a writing process, they have rebooted the PBIS program, created Tiger Pride Teams, had 93% attendance at conferences, Candy Sales are approaching, and the PTO is doing good things for the school.

Reports - HR Elementary – H-R Elementary Principal Brian Mangold stated we are just finishing 9 weeks of Prime Time Learning, it was nice to be included in Homecoming activities, free books were provided to the students, and the McCREL program brings common language to all our schools.

Reports - SH Middle School – South Hardin Middle School Principal Sarah Nachazel informed the board the middle school enjoyed being included in Homecoming activities, professional development with McCREL and MTSS being applied to the system, conferences are coming up and the PTO is providing dinner for teachers on that day.

Reports - SH High School – High School Principal Mike Rundall noted high school conferences are tomorrow and Monday, the Ag students visited 2nd grade with Ag in the Classroom, Mock Trial was held last week, Homecoming went well, professional development continues to work with AIW, and MAP assessments have been completed.

Reports - Superintendent - Dr Zellmer informed the boards that Actual Enrollment at E-NP is down 26.9 students and at Hubbard-Radcliffe down 18.76 students. He stated we need to positively market the successes at South Hardin Schools.

Discuss/Action Hardin County Conference Board Representative

It was noted this is one meeting once a year to recommend salaries for Hardin County elected officials. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to appoint Jay Stanish to serve as the Eldora-New Providence Community School District representative to the Hardin County Assessor’s Conference Board. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Grundy County Conference Board Representative – No action taken.

Discuss/Action SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Request: Negative Special Ed. Balance

Dr. Zellmer informed the board districts receive weighted funding to provide special education services, however the services required by the IEPs for students often cost more than the funding received. Iowa School Finance allows districts to recover these deficits annually and it is critical that we take advantage of every opportunity to increase our spending authority. **Motion** by Nancy Callaway seconded by Jay Stanish that the superintendent be authorized to submit a Modified Allowable Growth application for Negative Special Education Balance in the amount of \$405,046.52. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Senior Year Plus Candidates

The board was provided with a list of Senior Year Plus Candidates for 2019-20 that took the ACCUPLACER Assessment and qualify for Math or English. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nancy Callaway to approve the Senior Year Plus Candidates as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Estes Construction/ IASB Facilities Audit

Dr. Zellmer noted IASB partners with Estes Construction to provide comprehensive facilities audits at a very reasonable rate. They are now ready to complete our audit at a cost of \$18,000. They will come out and present the information and help us prioritize projects for that price. It was noted this would be paid with PPEL/SAVE funds. **Motion** by Nancy Callaway seconded by Jay Stanish to approve Estes Construction to complete the Facilities Audit Assessment for \$18,000. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approval of the National FFA Convention Trip

Motion by Jared Cook seconded by Greg Salvo to approve the South Hardin High School FFA in attending the National FFA Convention. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action SBRC Application for Increasing Enrollment, Open Enrollment Out not in Fall 2018, and ELL Beyond 5 Years

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we are eligible for extra funding for open enrolled out students not on our Fall 2018 Count and for students being served by ELL services beyond five years. This is a yearly request to capture the dollars and spending authority that goes with it. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Greg Salvo to approve the SBRC Application for Open Enrolled Out Students not on the Fall 2018 count in the amount of \$87,568 and ELL Students Beyond 5 years in the amount of \$3,027. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Whole Grade Sharing Fall Proration

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with the Fall 2019 Whole Grade Sharing Proration. He noted the percentages are within 1% of each other the last three years. Middle School Proration: ENP 58.5% H-R 41.5%. High School Proration: ENP 68.6% H-R 31.4%. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Nancy Callaway to approve the Fall 2019 Whole Grade Sharing Proration as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Sharing Activities w/ Promise Academy

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the Promise Academy at Quakerdale has been recognized as a school system accredited and thus eligible to take part in extra-curricular activities and are requesting sharing sports with us. The students will count on our BEDS numbers for classification purposes for each sport. After much discussion, the following motion was approved. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nancy Callaway that the Eldora-New Providence CSD Board of Education is willing to accept and act on requests from the Quakerdale Promise Academy to participate in South Hardin High School sports programs on a sport by sport yearly basis. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss & Finalize Registrations for 2019 IASB Convention

It was noted that Jay Stanish will attend the delegate assembly and convention and Dr. Zellmer will attend the convention.

Joint Board Activity: Dear Future South Hardin Schools School Board Member...

Both boards collaborated across districts in an activity where they were asked to give advice, tips, and tricks on how the new school board members that will join both boards after the election can continue working together jointly to best impact our kids and schools.

Set Date, Time, & Location of next Regular & Joint Meetings

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2019 @ 6:30 PM at ENP District Office.

The next Joint Meeting will be February, 17, 2020 @ 6:30 PM at SHMS Science Lab in Hubbard.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.