

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

December 9, 2019 - District Office Board Room

Present: Board Members: Maggie VanderWilt, Jared Cook, Nancy Callaway, Nick LaVelle, and Jay Stanish, new members Emily Herring and Marc Anderson, Superintendent Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, High School Principal Mike Rundall and Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, newspapers Rick Patrie and Matt Rezab. Absent: Jolene Teske and Greg Salvo.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Maggie VanderWilt with the reading of the mission statement "Embracing today's challenges, preparing for tomorrow's world."

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle presented the board with a late bill from Agvantage for gasoline in the amount of \$3,227.50 and open enrollment requests for Kayden and Grayson Gagne from Hubbard-Radcliffe to E-NP. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle 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, November regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Kayden and Grayson Gagne from H-R to E-NP (move) and Brynley, Kasyn and Tyler Weig from AGWSR to E-NP (move).

Discuss/Action Certification of Board Election Results

Motion by Nancy Callaway seconded by Jay Stanish to certify the results of the 2019 Eldora-New Providence School Board Election. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members and Years of Service Awards

Recognized for board service were: Jolene Teske 4 terms and retiring from the board, Nancy Callaway 2 terms and retiring from the board, Maggie VanderWilt 2 terms and re-elected, and Nick LaVelle 1 term and re-elected.

Adjournment of Retiring Board 5:18 p.m.

At this point Nancy Callaway exited the board table and Emily Herring and Marc Anderson joined.

REORGANIZED BOARD

Meeting Called to Order

The reorganized board was called to order by Superintendent Zellmer.

Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected and Re-elected Board Members

Board Secretary Bierle administered the oath of office to newly elected and re-elected board members Maggie VanderWilt, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, and Marc Anderson.

Election of Board Officers

Motion by Jay Stanish to nominate Maggie VanderWilt as board president. Nominations ceased. All voted in favor. The motion carried. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle to nominate Jared Cook as vice president. Nominations ceased. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Dr. Zellmer administered the oath of office to the president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer.

Appointment of Board Committees

Motion by Jared Cook seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the committee memberships appointed by Board President. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Buildings/Grounds/Transportation-Nick LaVelle, Jared Cook, and Marc Anderson.

Negotiations-Jay Stanish, Maggie VanderWilt, and Marc Anderson. Liaison-Maggie

VanderWilt and Jared Cook. School Improvement-Emily Herring, Jay Stanish, and Greg Salvo.

Meeting Dates, Times, and Rules of Order

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with January – December 2020 meeting dates and times.

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Marc Anderson that through the school year the regular meeting of the ENP Board of Education be held on the second Monday of the month,

beginning at 6:30 p.m., except for the December meeting which will be at 5:15 p.m. so those that wish can attend the Holiday Concert. Meetings during the summer months will be set at 5:15 p.m. and further moved that the Board continue to use Robert's Rules of order as modified by Board Policy to conduct its meetings. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Communication - Public Report Time None

Discuss/Action 2020-21 SBRC Application for Special Ed Administrative Costs Associated with River Hills Consortium Program

E-NP sends two students to the River Hills program to meet their educational needs. We can help fund the program through this SBRC application for administrative costs of the program. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the SBRC Application for Special Ed Administrative Costs Associated with River Hills Consortium Program for \$3,596.82. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action First Reading of Board Policy 407.6 Early Retirement

Dr. Zellmer informed the board E-NP uses early retirement as a way to provide flexibility in budgeting by allowing longevity employees the chance to retire early and possibly replace them with staff at a lower salary. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Jared Cook to approve the first reading of Board Policy 407.6 Early Retirement. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Senior Year Plus Approval

Dr. Zellmer noted now that the Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress results have been delivered we need to re-approve the Senior Year Plus Students. These are students that are eligible to take College Credit Courses through the State of Iowa's Senior Year Plus program. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Senior Year Plus Students. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Elementary Principal Henrichs informed the board writing is a huge focus for PK – 5th grades, this week they are holding a Food Drive, it is Ag Awareness Week, Tiger Pride awards were last week and will be again before winter break, Nick LaVelle was a guest reader, and the Holiday Concert is coming up. High School Principal Rundall noted mid term grades went out last week, the end of the semester is coming, 2nd quarter awards included an employee of the quarter which was custodian Larry Wilkerson, winter activities are up and running with the Winter Concert tonight, December 20th will be a student team building day with lots of activities and thoughts and prayers are with high school teacher Adam Weig. Dr. Zellmer presented the board with several IASB Board Learning Opportunities and stated if anyone is interested to let he or Cindy know by the end of the week, January 28 is IASB day on the hill in Des Moines, January 10th is professional development for the entire staffs and he could use help with serving lunch at 10:45 am, and Estes Construction will be coming to do their site audit soon. Jared Cook wanted to thank the staff and district personnel for all the support of Adam Weig and noted we are very lucky to have such a great community.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM at ENP District Office.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**Board Work Session: School Board Relationship Building and Growing as a New Board

A board work session was held after the meeting adjourned where the newly seated board had the opportunity to get to know each other, talk about 8 traits of effective school boards, and talk about the importance of developing trust as a board. Work session ended at 6:28 p.m.