

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

February 10, 2020 - District Office Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Greg Salvo, Jay Stanish, Emily Herring and Marc Anderson, Superintendent Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, newspapers Sarah Carson and Matt Rezab and visitors. Absent: Maggie VanderWilt.

Call Meeting to Order

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

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Greg Salvo to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, January regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Cadence Hudson from E-NP to Clayton Ridge (Iowa Virtual Academy 2020), Emily Nehring from E-NP to Iowa Falls (2020), Camden Palo from E-NP to AGWSR (move), and Richard, Jacob, and Hannah Swick from BCLUW to E-NP (move).

Public Report Time

Vice President Cook read the public report time guidelines per school board policy to the audience. Nicky Williams, Tiger PACK parent, thanked Dr. Zellmer for meeting with her and answering her questions. She noted the possible solutions as Eldora Children's Center taking over the program, with space as a possible issue and creating an Enterprise Program. It was noted that the space currently used by Tiger PACK could still be used but may be configured differently. Amanda Jones noted she contributed her student's academic success to Tiger PACK, stating he was more engaged in math and reading and his scores did not drop over the summer. She stated Tiger PACK is a great asset to the community. Brady Winter stated the community needs to come together on a solution and this will have an economic impact as well. He noted he heard there is a waiting list for Tiger PACK with At Risk students on the list. Amanda Schrad spoke in support of Tiger PACK and wondered what could happen to kids that have nowhere to go.

Discuss/Action Approve Early Retirement Request

Only one early retirement request was received from Annette Baker as instructional leader.

Motion by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the Early Retirement Request of Annette Baker and accept her resignation at the end of the 2019-20 contract year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Back-up Boiler Bids

Dr. Zellmer noted the secondary boiler at the high school is in a state of disrepair. We replaced the main boiler two years ago and the secondary boiler was still original to the building. We must have a second boiler if the primary boiler stops working for any reason. We are also working with insurance in hopes part of the cost will be covered. Young Plumbing and Heating provided 2 quotes: one for the exact same boiler as the one purchased 2 years ago for \$56,500 and one for a non-condensing boiler for \$49,900. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the bid option #1 for \$49,900 from Young Plumbing and Heating for a new back-up boiler at South Hardin High School. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Tiger PACK

After a presentation by Dr. Zellmer about School Finance and clearing up any misinformation about Tiger PACK the board deliberated for an hour about Tiger PACK. Some issues noted were: if it is a year round program DHS guidelines must be followed, if it is run as an enterprise program we must charge enough per day to sustain the program and pay for all salaries and have commitments from families to attend, Eldora Children's Center is concerned about space, the best grants are generally not given to schools for salaries, other similar programs have the students provide sack lunches every day and enrichment activities are an additional cost. The

Eldora Children's Center Board noted their first thought was to jump in and help, they didn't know there would be no funding to help them with the program, space would be an issue, wondering if they could do it financially and would need to compensate their director for the added work. They noted they will need a special meeting to discuss this again. Vice President Cook noted the school is expected to educate students from 8-3:30 and there are tough decisions ahead with the loss of 27 students for funding. There needs to be more community and parents involved to find a solution for this need and it needs to stand alone as a program. The board agreed to wait to make a final decision about the future of Tiger PACK until Eldora Children's Center made a final decision, but the district will not use any At-Risk funding in the future to support the program in the 2020-2021 School Year and beyond. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to table this decision until the board gets a definitive answer from the Eldora Children's Center on their plans and that At-Risk funding will not be used in the future to support the program in 2020-21 school year and beyond. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action State Training School Use of Elementary Kitchen

The State Training School is going through an 18-month decentralization project of all of its systems. They will need to have their kitchen shut down for a 4 to 6-week period and don't have a lot of options in Eldora with commercial kitchen use. We would be willing to allow them to use our elementary kitchen from June 15 through July 31 at a cost of \$250 per day plus any repairs to equipment incurred during that time. Legal council is still reviewing the contract and we hope to have it for final approval at the meeting on Monday, February 17th. No action taken.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Dr. Zellmer noted reports and administrator comments will be presented at the joint meeting next Monday. He thanked the community members for coming and noted the board has some tough decisions to make.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular and joint board meeting will be on Monday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin Middle School Science Room in Hubbard.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.