

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

March 9, 2020 - District Office Board Room

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

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.”

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle presented the board with some late bills and a staff recommendation.

Motion by Nick LaVelle 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, February joint meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Molly and Mead Tomash from E-NP to Iowa Falls (move), Lily Olmsted from BCLUW to E-NP (HSAP program), Madison Klimesh from E-NP to Clayton Ridge-Iowa Virtual Academy, Brianna Carrigan from E-NP to Clayton Ridge-Iowa Virtual Academy (was open enrolled to Iowa Falls), staff resignations from Patty Titus as high school secretary and Cassandra Clifford as high school media center, staff recommendations for Scott Swartz as girls’ tennis coach and Dave Akers as high school instructional leader, a Drake University Clinical Learning Experience Affiliation Agreement, and a 2020-21 Cooperative Agreement for Pre-Service Clinical Placement with UNI.

Public Report Time – None.

Estes Group Facilities Report – Ryan Ellsworth of Estes Construction gave a slide presentation of their findings as listed in the Facility Condition Assessment. He noted 6 facilities were assessed: Elementary School, Annex Building, Old Gymnasium, High School, Athletic Facilities, and Bus Barn. The findings provide ranges from low to high of probable costs to perform the maintenance, repairs or renovations suggested. The board will continue to review the information and have discussions on possible actions to take.

Discuss/Action Set Public Hearing for 2020-21 Certified Budget

Dr. Zellmer informed the board he and Cindy had attended a budget workshop in Cedar Falls and will have the budget ready for a budget hearing and approval at the April board meeting. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jared Cook to set the Budget Hearing for Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eldora-New Providence District Office Board Room. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Budget Guarantee Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021

Dr. Zellmer noted to help protect districts from threats of declining enrollment or negative new money for the upcoming year, we always want to pass a Budget Guarantee Resolution prior to approval of the budget. This allows us to spend at the same level we spent the previous year and is important this year due to our declining enrollment and state supplemental aid set at a conservative 2.3%. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Jared Cook to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution for the fiscal year 2021 budget. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Tiger PACK

Dr. Zellmer informed the board he has been working with the Eldora Children’s Center and they have agreed to take over and start a Summer and No School Days Program similar to Tiger PACK that offers enrichment opportunities. They will use our facilities at no additional costs but at this time don’t think it is feasible to take over the After School program. Dr. Zellmer recommends seeing how the trial period of the After School program works for March and April and make a decision to continue next school year at the May meeting. He noted during the trial period we have to keep the same charging mechanism as is currently being used, but next year we could go to \$5 across the board charging since we won’t be using At-risk dollars and won’t be under the supervision of the Department of Human Services. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded

by Jay Stanish to close the All Day Summer and No School Day Tiger PACK Programs effective immediately, allowing Eldora Children's Center to take over the program and utilize our facilities. The After School program will be evaluated for future feasibility for the 2020-21 School Year at our May Board Meeting. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2020-21 School Calendar

Dr. Zellmer informed the board after collecting feedback on the school calendars, the priority seems to be to have a spring break and traditional Christmas break. The football calendar is not out yet so he recommends approving the calendar then doing an amendment once we know when homecoming will be. This will get the information out on school start date, Christmas vacation, spring break and graduation to families in a timely manner. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the 2020-21 Official School Calendar. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

ENPEA Present Initial Contract Proposal for 2020-21 School Year

Dr. Zellmer informed the board no ENPEA members were able to attend the meeting so he read their proposal noting it is very reasonable and the board will meet in exempt session to discuss the board's counter proposal.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs stated teachers are preparing for the ISASP tests, professional development on February 17 was focused on writing, Tiger Pride Assembly was on March 6 and will be again on March 13 due to spring break, ISU Water Rocks Science Assembly will be March 12, and PTO is sponsoring Scratch Cupcake Fundraiser, Family Movie Night, and Father Daughter Dance. Mr. Rundall informed the board Academic Decathlon team placed 8th and earned several individual medals, Speech has 26 of 40 individual events moving on to state, the end of the quarter is here, MAP testing is going on, and his course book has social studies changes with possible AP classes and Math in Trades for 3rd and 4th year math possibilities. Dr. Zellmer thanked both principals for making tough changes like adding classes and digging in deeper for writing skills. He informed the board he will work Monday and Tuesday of spring break then be on vacation Wednesday through Friday, the SSA is set at 2.3% equating to \$7,033 per student, transportation allocation/equity total is \$33,541, and we have 5 vehicles we would like to advertise for sale.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Eldora-New Providence CSD Board Room.

Closed (Exempt) Session for Negotiations Strategy per Iowa Code, Chapter 20.17(3)

Exempt session began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 8:13 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.