

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

April 13, 2020 - District Office Board Room

The meeting of the board was held electronically as permitted by Code of Iowa Section 21.8 and originated from the ENP District Office Board Room.

Present: Board Members: Maggie VanderWilt, Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Greg Salvo, Emily Herring and Marc Anderson, Jay Stanish joined during the meeting, Superintendent Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, and visitors.

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.”

Public Hearing on 2020-21 Certified Budget

Dr. Zellmer informed the board he had not received any public comments about the 2020-21 certified budget. Board members had not received any comments either. Dr. Zellmer then unmuted participants and asked for any public comments, hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Dr. Zellmer noted the 2 additional bills presented for transportation reimbursement of \$64.70 and postage for \$110.00. He also noted staff resignations from Matt Thompson as head girls’ basketball coach, Erick Schroyer as Title I teacher, and Sam Shindelar as assistant baseball coach; staff recommendations for Natalie Kane as high school secretary, Lisa LaVelle as high school math teacher, Blake Owens as volunteer assistant softball coach, Matt Kane as assistant football coach, Jared Kadolph as assistant football coach, Jay Sheldahl as assistant football coach, and David Shindelar as assistant baseball coach; and staff transfers for Dustin Lutterman from 5th grade teacher to Instructional Coach, Teresa Williamson from Instructional Coach to 3rd grade teacher, and Maggie Roy from 2nd grade teacher to 1st grade teacher. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Emily Herring to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, March regular and special meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: staff resignations from Matt Thompson as head girls’ basketball coach, Erick Schroyer as Title I teacher, and Sam Shindelar as assistant baseball coach; staff recommendations for Natalie Kane as high school secretary, Lisa LaVelle as high school math teacher, Blake Owens as volunteer assistant softball coach, Matt Kane as assistant football coach (1/6 contract), Jared Kadolph as assistant football coach (1/6 contract), Jay Sheldahl as assistant football coach (1/3 contract), and David Shindelar as assistant baseball coach; staff transfers for Dustin Lutterman from 5th grade teacher to Instructional Coach, Teresa Williamson from Instructional Coach to 3rd grade teacher, and Maggie Roy from 2nd grade teacher to 1st grade teacher; an Agreement of Service with Timberline Billing Service LLC for Medicaid Billing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; a 2020-21 AEA Food Purchasing Agreement; and a Dashir Management Services, Inc Management Agreement from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Public Report Time – None. (Jay Stanish joined the meeting at this point.)

Discuss/Action 2020-21 Certified Budget

Dr. Zellmer noted we had the public hearing at the beginning of the meeting and heard no public concerns on the budget. We have worked to maintain our current tax rate with no major changes. The tax rate for the 2021 budget year is set at \$13.95134 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Greg Salvo to approve the 2020-21 Certified Budget as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Ratification of 2020-21 ENPEA Contract and Issuance of Contracts

Dr. Zellmer noted it had been another good year of negotiations with the ENPEA and they have ratified the agreement and we need to do the same so we can issue contracts to employees.

Motion by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the ratification of the 2020-21 ENPEA Contract and issuance of contracts. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Ratification of 2020-21 PPME Local 2003 Contract and Issuance of Contracts

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the support staff has also ratified our offer and we need to do the same so we can issue contracts to employees. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the ratification of the 2020-21 PPME Local 2003 Contract and issuance of contracts. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2020-21 Administrator, Director, and Secretarial Salary Recommendations and Contract Issuance

Dr. Zellmer noted as discussed in exempt session last month, the offers being recommended to be extended to our last contract group are ready for issuance of contracts and need approval.

Motion by Greg Salvo seconded by Emily Herring to approve the issuance of contracts to Administrators, Directors, and Secretarial Positions. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2020-21 School Calendar

Dr. Zellmer reminded the board that last month we had approved the calendar not knowing the football schedule for homecoming and professional development days. We now have the schedule and the week of September 21 will be homecoming week with a professional development day on 9/21 added to the calendar. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Continuation of Pandemic Response Resolution

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we need to extend the continuation of our Resolution for Pandemic Response and the way the new resolution reads we will not have to continue to update the resolution if we approve it. The biggest part of the resolution is pay of employees during the shutdown, which Dr. Zellmer, IASB, our attorney, and local legislators are recommending to continue. The other part of the resolution has to do with Continuous Learning Model and the only model that makes sense for us educationally is the Voluntary Continuous Learning Model due to our rural setting, families with limited or no internet access, and our percentage of low income and at-risk families. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the continuation of Pandemic Response Resolution. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Tile Repairs at High School Athletic Complex

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with bids for tile replacement at the athletic complex. He noted there are drainage issues at the baseball field and a smaller issue at the football field. The tile in the hill beside the baseball field is completely blocked, there are three trees that have completely grown into and blocked off the entire tile. Need to remove the trees and replace that tile in order to address these issues in the long-term going forward. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the bid for tile repairs at the high school athletic complex to Gehrke Inc. per the estimated cost of \$10,780. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss Tiger PACK to Classroom Space Renovation

Dr. Zellmer stated he had hoped to continue discussion on a long-term plan with the facilities audit. ISFIS and SAI are sending out warnings about the impact the pandemic may have on our SAVE Funds moving forward. He feels that the moving of the Art and Music classrooms to a handicap accessible space is a high priority that could be addressed. He would like to start working with Mike May and contractors on getting bids on how to most cost effectively and efficiently re-design the current Tiger PACK space into classroom spaces that can be used for Art and Music. The board directed Dr. Zellmer to pursue bids for this project.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs stated teachers are working hard to enhance distance learning, live lessons, teach lessons on line, and provide learning opportunities for parents to pick up as available. He noted the AEA is reaching out constantly to provide help with distance learning opportunities. Mr. Rundall also stated kids and staff are stepping up to enhance the learning process and he is proud of the students and staff for making the best of the situation. Maggie VanderWilt stated she had been told by several people that they have felt cared for and not overwhelmed by expectations and thanked the staff for their efforts. Dr. Zellmer informed the board the next big announcement from the governor should occur by Thursday of this week. He noted he and the administration had gotten a great deal accomplished through Zoom and he is proud of the staff, board, and community.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, May 11th 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)

Not needed.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.