

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

July 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, Marc Anderson, Emily Herring, Nick LaVelle, Jared Cook, and Jay Stanish, Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, on zoom: 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

**Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, June regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: an open enrollment request for Alexis Brekke from BCLUW to ENP for HSAP; staff recommendations for Penelope Klimesh as high school special ed para and Amber Smitherman as elementary special ed para; 2020-21 Universal Pediatrics Service Agreement for Nursing Services; 2020-21 Agreement for Sharing Level 3 BD Program with Iowa Falls CSD; 2020-21 Drake Clinical Learning Affiliation Agreement; and a Dashir Management Addendum B – Addition of HS Full time night custodian.

Public Report Time – Dr. Zellmer read a comment from ENP Parent Julie Roe stating she has concerns for students and staff, however she feels students need to return to school for the education they did not get last year. She noted she would prefer masks be optional and everyone should be allowed to wear a mask if they choose.

Discuss/Action 2020-21 Return to Learn Plan

Dr. Zellmer noted this is a 2 part process – 1<sup>st</sup> approving the required Department of Education Return to Learn Plan which was a list of check boxes, then discussing scenarios for Return to Opening up our schools for the fall. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the Iowa Department of Education Return to Learn Plan. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The board discussed the return to the opening of school and what that could look like. A timeline was established with a Draft Plan released on July 31st and a Special Joint Board Meeting on August 4th to tweak and approve the plan. Online School Registration will begin August 7th and School is set to begin on August 24th.

Discuss/Action 2021 IASB Legislative Priorities

Dr. Zellmer informed the board that each year IASB asks Districts to weigh-in on the Legislative Priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. The board then worked to come up with a consensus on 4 priorities to send forward to IASB from the ENP School District. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Jared Cook to approve the following Legislative Priorities for the 2021 Iowa Legislative Session: #4 Early Literacy, #7 Mental Health, #18 School Finance Funding, and #29 Sharing and Reorganization. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Purchase of John Deere Utility Tractor

Dr. Zellmer reminded the board he had asked for approval of purchasing the John Deere Utility Tractor in late June and is now requesting formal approval. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the purchase of the John Deere Utility Tractor and Accessories from Jeff Henning for \$16,000. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Dr Zellmer noted he had been working on the return to learn plan then taken 9 days off to regroup. He stated the principals were taking some time off and he planned to pull the group back together next week to focus on our return to learn plan and return to opening up our schools for fall.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the District Office and how to participate will be determined by government regulations at the time of agenda posting. We will have a special meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium.

Closed Session – Section 21.5(1.i) Superintendent Evaluation

**Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Jay Stanish to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1.i). Roll call vote: Ayes: Stanish, Herring, LaVelle, Anderson, Cook, VanderWilt, and Salvo. Nays: None. The motion carried. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Jay Stanish to return to Open Session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stanish, Herring, LaVelle, Anderson, Cook, VanderWilt, and Salvo. Nays: None. The motion carried. Closed Session was from 7:25 p.m. to 7:49 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.