

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

September 14, 2020 – High School Auditorium

The meeting of the board was held at the high school auditorium and live streamed electronically as permitted by Code of Iowa Section 21.8.

Present: Board Members: Maggie VanderWilt, Jared Cook, Marc Anderson, and Jay Stanish (on zoom), Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, and visitors. Absent: Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, and 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 additional bills for the activity fund officials for September 11, 12, and 14. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, August joint and regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: staff resignations from Herbert Dardano as high school Spanish teacher, Kelly Collins as elementary special ed para, Judy Staples as full-time route driver, Diane Crouse as elementary kitchen assistant, and LuAnn Miller as elementary special ed para; staff recommendations for Jazmine Myers as high school Spanish teacher, Pam Pagel as elementary kitchen assistant, Amber Owens and Thomas Howe as high school mentor teachers, Blake Owens as fall concessions sponsor, and Brandi Tripp as volunteer assistant volleyball coach; Advertising/Equipment Contract with Varsity Group; Level I Investigators Jaclyn Allain and Tracie Akers; and Business Customer Service Agreement with US Cellular.

Public Report Time – None.

Discuss/Action SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Request-Negative Special Ed Balance

Dr. Zellmer informed the board this is a yearly requirement, stating the district incurs a negative special ed balance when the services required by students Individual Education Plans (IEPs) cost more than the funding received. Iowa school finance law allows districts to recover the deficit and it is critical that the District take advantage of every opportunity to increase its spending authority. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Jay Stanish that the superintendent be authorized to submit a Modified Allowable Growth application for Negative Special Education Balance in the amount of \$166,946.38. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2020-21 Senior Year Plus Candidates

Mr. Rundall presented a list of students meeting the criteria for Senior Year Plus courses. These students are eligible to take dual credit and college courses through the school district. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jared Cook to approve the 2020-21 Senior Year Plus Candidates. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Early Graduation Requests

Mr. Rundall presented the board with letters from students wishing to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 2020-21 School Year. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jared Cook to approve the Class of 2021 Early Graduation Requests. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Hardin County Conference Board Representative

Dr. Zellmer noted the school board has one position on this county committee that formulates the annual recommendation regarding elected official salaries to the county supervisors. The representative must live in Hardin County. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jared Cook that Nick LaVelle be appointed to serve as the Eldora-New Providence Community School District representative to the Hardin County Assessor’s Conference Board. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Grundy County Conference Board Representative

No eligible candidates. No action taken.

Discuss/Action Appointment of Delegate to IASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the IASB annual convention will be held virtually this year November 17-19. Each district can nominate one board member to attend the pre-convention delegate assembly. He asked that any board members wanting to attend the convention let him know and noted he might do something with the joint boards. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Marc Anderson to nominate Jay Stanish to represent the Eldora-New Providence School District at the Delegate Assembly at the IASB Annual Convention. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs informed the board that the elementary started building assessments, 36 students are doing on line learning, and IEP students must have an IPAGE meeting in case school must go all on line. Mr. Rundall added 35 high school students are doing on line learning, Homecoming activities were not done due to bad weather and some will be done on Wednesday, 2020 After Prom provided a hypnotist for homecoming, and students and staff are adjusting to the block scheduling. Dr. Zellmer stated he is proud of the hard work put in by staff during this difficult time, between the 2 districts there are 138 students doing on line learning, 16 students have been provided with hot spots, the nurses are doing a great job with reporting, and the year is off to a great start.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be combined with the joint meeting on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin Auditorium.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.