

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 9, 2020 – High School Auditorium

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

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

Motion by Nick LaVelle seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, October joint and regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Zander and Hailee Robinson from AGWSR to E-NP (move) and Owen Raska from Alden to E-NP (move); staff recommendations for David VanderWilt and Ryan Luiken as volunteer assistant basketball coaches and Chad Van Zante as volunteer assistant wrestling coach (pending licensure renewal).

Public Report Time – None.

Presentation: Financial Health Report 2020 – Dr. Zellmer

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with the yearly Financial Health Report. He went over the executive summary highlighting several financial indicators for the District, noting we are strong on almost all indicators. Financial solvency ratio is at 27.03%, exceeding the target of 10-15%; spending authority and General Fund balances increased; and Net Cash Ratio shows strong yielding 157 days of operating cash flow. Certified enrollment has gone down the last two years for a total of 58.4 students.

Discuss/Action Application to SBRC for Special Ed Administrative Costs with Lied Center Consortium

Dr. Zellmer explained to the board this is for the placement of our students with higher levels of special needs and helps with the administrative costs associated with the program. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Greg Salvo that the board of directors of the ENP School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,736.39 for special education costs associated with Lied Center Consortium Program for the 2021/2022 School Year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Application to SBRC for Special Ed Administrative Costs with River Hills Consortium

This is also a placement center for our higher levels of special needs students. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Greg Salvo that the board of directors of the ENP School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$3,836.01 for special education costs associated with River Hills Consortium Program for the 2021/2022 School Year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action SBRC Application for Open Enrollment Out Not in Fall 2019

Dr. Zellmer informed the board when open enrollment happens outside of the regular accounting of students period, we have the opportunity to recoup those amounts through the SBRC processing and would recommend that we continue to do that to maximize our spending authority. **Motion** by Greg Salvo seconded by Nick LaVelle to authorize the district’s administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$27,520 for MSA for open enrolled out students not included in the district’s previous year’s certified enrollment count. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action SBRC Application for ELL Instruction Beyond 5 Years

Dr. Zellmer noted we have costs of providing required programming, such as ELL, and those costs are higher than the funding provided and we have the opportunity to recoup those costs through the SBRC processing. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to authorize the district’s administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the

amount of \$3,101 for MSA for providing an ELL Program to students who have exceeded five years of weighted funding in the Fall of 2020. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Early Graduation Requests

Mr. Rundall presented 2 more early graduation requests to the board for graduation at the end of the first semester. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Early Graduation Requests. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and Set a Public Hearing

Dr. Zellmer informed the board our Instructional Support Levy ends with the 2021 fiscal year and we need to get this renewed to help us continue to provide quality educational programming to our students. We will need to have a Public Hearing at the next meeting for public input.

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program and set the date for a public hearing on this resolution for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin High School Auditorium. Roll call vote: Ayes: VanderWilt, Herring, LaVelle, Salvo, and Stanish. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss Current COVID Numbers and Protocols

Dr. Zellmer discussed the current COVID-19 numbers and protocols with the board. He noted numbers will continue to be closely monitored, but community spread hasn't equated to school spread so far with the rising numbers in our county and region. He stated with no proven spread in the schools, 100% online or Hybrid models make no sense at this time and feels we should stay the course unless we see absenteeism continue to rise or we cannot operate due to lack of staff. Dr Zellmer stated we must stay vigilant in our mitigation strategies and need all of our South Hardin Schools Families outside of school to implement mitigation practices to reduce the spread. Dr. Zellmer and the Board praised the South Hardin Schools Staff on all the work they have put in to start school and stay in school. The Board asked Dr. Zellmer several questions and presented scenarios to consider.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Elementary Principal Henrichs praised his staff for their efforts and extra time, noted the elementary has 2 new students tomorrow, teachers had a good professional development day with 2 AEA staff members who praised their efforts to raise literacy, candy sales went well, and three fifth graders will be reading essays at the Veteran's Day Program. High School Principal Rundall stated conferences were a positive experience, staff are trying to google meet with students unable to attend school, fall activities went well and winter season is upon us and he asked that everyone help support wearing masks to keep students safe, Halloween Carnival went well, and the professional development day provided good focus for staff on instruction.

Superintendent Zellmer informed the board the IASB Conference will be November 18 and 19 and anyone interested in joining him in the online viewing are welcome. He will be in Hubbard on the 18th and Eldora on the 19th.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the South Hardin High School Auditorium.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.