

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

December 14, 2020 – High School Auditorium

Present: Board Members: Maggie VanderWilt, Jared Cook, Marc Anderson, Emily Herring, Greg Salvo and Jay Stanish, Nick LaVelle arrived during the meeting, Superintendent Dr. 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 Consideration to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

Board President VanderWilt opened the public hearing asking for any comments on the continued participation in the instructional support program. Dr. Zellmer and Board Secretary Bierle stated they had received no written or verbal comments and hearing none from the audience the public hearing was closed.

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle presented the board with an additional bill from Alliant Energy for \$2,344.57. **Motion** by Jay Stanish 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, November regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Layney and Dylonn Johnston from E-NP to Roland-Story (move); and a Streaming Contract with BlueFrame Technology, LLC for Live Streaming through 6/30/21.

Annual Meeting-Call to Order by Dr. Zellmer

Dr. Zellmer called the annual meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Election of Board President

Dr. Zellmer asked for nominations for board president. **Motion** by Greg Salvo seconded by Jay Stanish to nominate Maggie VanderWilt as board president. Nominations ceased. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Election of Board Vice-President

**Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Greg Salvo to nominate Jared Cook as vice president. Nominations ceased. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Oath of Office

Dr. Zellmer gave the oath of office to President VanderWilt, Vice-President Jared Cook, and Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Bierle.

Appointment of Board Committees

**Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the committee memberships appointed by Board President. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Buildings/Grounds/Transportation-Nick LaVelle, Jared Cook, and Marc Anderson. Negotiations-Jay Stanish, Maggie VanderWilt, and Marc Anderson. Liaison-Maggie VanderWilt and Jared Cook. School Improvement-Emily Herring, Jay Stanish, and Greg Salvo.

Meeting Dates, Times, and Rules of Order

**Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Marc Anderson that the regular meeting of the ENP Board of Education be held on the second Monday of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and that the Board continue to use Robert’s Rules of Order as modified by Board Policy to conduct its meetings. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Public Report Time – None.

Discuss/Action Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

**Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Greg Salvo to approve the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. Roll call vote: Ayes: Herring, Salvo, Stanish, VanderWilt, Cook, and Anderson. Nays: None. Absent: LaVelle. The motion carried.

Discuss New School Leadership Standards and Criteria

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with the new School Leadership Standards approved by the State Board of education to begin on July 1, 2021. He noted the new 10 standards are more

separated than previously. Dr. Zellmer will be attending an evaluator training on January 13 and 14 related to the new standards.

#### Discuss Chapter 103: Amended Administrative Rules on Corporal Punishment, Restraint, and Physical Confinement and Detention

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the State Board of Education had also approved the Chapter 103 Rules to begin January 20, 2021. He noted E-NP had been proactive and has a lot of the policy already in place and made sure to meet the strictest criteria when we built the SAFE ROOM. He noted he hoped to have the IASB Policy at the January meeting.

#### Discuss COVID Update

Dr. Zellmer noted we are on a downward trend for COVID absences. He stated the second week in November was a tough week but with the Governor's restrictions we have been on a downward trend since then. He thanked everyone for their efforts in keeping our kids in school.

#### Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Elementary Principal Henrichs noted Ag in the Classroom has continued with good lessons, the food drive finished up last week, Tiger Pride Assembly was held December 4<sup>th</sup> and the January Assembly is moving to December 22<sup>nd</sup> with each classroom possibly singing a song and videoing for the presentation. High School Principal Rundall noted 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter midterms had been sent and finals would be January 14, sophomores had taken the AFVAB military aptitude test, the high school will maintain the block schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, a holiday concert will be streamed next Tuesday, December 23 – 27 is dead week for athletics, and 18-20 online students will be returning to the high school second semester. Dr. Zellmer stated Wednesday and Thursday he will attend ISFLC budget reduction strategy meetings, January 14 and 15 new leadership standards training, and will be out of the office December 23 – January 3 for vacation.

Legislative Advocacy noted: possible new stimulus package, COVID relief extension, preschool funding from .5 to 1.0, SSA to be set by January 19, and COVID remediation. SAI is focusing on saying no to vouchers and lobbying not to take state assessment tests in the spring. Dr. Zellmer noted the IASB keynote speakers focused on equity and inclusion.

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

The board went into exempt session for negotiations strategy at 7:16 p.m. and ended at 8:37 p.m. Nick LaVelle arrived during the exempt session.

#### Discuss/Action Superintendent Contract

**Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Marc Anderson to approve Dr. Zellmer's contract as Superintendent of Schools for the maximum of 3 years, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024 with a \$170,000 salary the first year. Voting in favor: 6. Opposed: 1 (Herring). The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Superintendent Sharing Agreement

Dr. Zellmer noted the District has mirrored the superintendent sharing agreement with the superintendent's contract and suggests continuing this practice. **Motion** by Jared Cook seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Superintendent Sharing Agreement with the Hubbard-Radcliffe Community School District through June 30, 2024. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

Dr. Zellmer noted in January the second and third Monday of the month have home basketball games that many board members like to attend. He is recommending the next meeting be our joint meeting (usually in February) on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin Middle School and then we would have our regular meeting in February. All were in agreement.

#### Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.