

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

May 10, 2021 – High School Auditorium

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

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Jared Cook with the reading of the mission statement “Embracing today’s challenges, preparing for tomorrow’s world.”

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle noted 2 additional fuel bills being presented for payment. **Motion** by Emily Herring 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, April regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: an open enrollment request for Presley Swift from BCLUW to E-NP (K2021); staff resignations from Nathan Gevelinger as high school teacher, Diane Petty as high school special ed para, Ann Clemons as elementary special ed para, David Shindelar as assistant baseball coach (2022) and summer concessions sponsor (2022), and Ashley Davis as winter concessions sponsor; staff recommendations for Ryan Dalton as high school science teacher, Sherri Walker as shared director of teaching, learning, and assessments, Teresa Williamson as high school summer credit recovery program teacher, Dustin Lutterman as elementary instructional coach, Heather Sherman, Thomas Howe, Mike Olson, and Nancy Cook as AIW coaches, Thomas Howe, Greg Pfantz, and Amber Owens as mentor teachers, Matt Thompson as selection team member, Nancy Cook as SEL/Community Connections coach, Kristin Shindelar as Academic Success coach, Aaron Stensland as assistant football coach, and Mike Stensland as volunteer assistant football coach; staff transfers for Teresa Williamson from 3rd grade to Title I instructor (ESSER funded) and Emily Dwyer from 1st grade teacher to 4th grade teacher; renewal of shared contracts with Hubbard-Radcliffe for Food Service Director, Transportation Director, Athletic Director, English as Second Language Teacher, and Web Master; and renewal of a lease agreement between Eldora Children’s Center, Inc. and E-NP CSD.

Public Report Time – Vice-President Cook read the audience participation guidelines in accordance with School Board Policy #204.11. He then asked if any public would like to speak. Approximately 10 members of the community addressed the board about dropping the mask mandate and making masks optional.

School Board Recognition Month Certificates

Dr. Zellmer noted May is School Board Recognition Month and thanked all the board members for supporting kids during this very challenging year and presented them with certificates from the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Discuss/Action 2021-22 Bread and Milk Bids

Dr. Zellmer stated 3 bid requests were sent for milk and bread. We received one bread bid and 2 milk bids with the lowest bids being given by our current companies. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Emily Herring to approve AE Dairy at an estimated cost of \$27,792.50 and Pan-O-Gold Bakery at an estimated cost of \$6,981 for the 2021-22 school year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Professional Services Agreement with Impact 7G for Asbestos Consulting Services

Dr. Zellmer noted the next step in the three story demolition process is to have a company come in to get a current estimate of the amount of asbestos so that we can get bids to remove and then proceed to demolition of the three story after it has been safely removed. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the contract with 7G for Asbestos Consulting Services at a cost of \$7,850. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2020 Fiscal Year Audit

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the audit was good and the only thing noted was segregation of duties, which would require having several more employees in the office to spread out duties.

Motion by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the 2020 Fiscal Year Audit. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Cooling Tower Replacement at South Hardin High School

The cooling tower at the high school is at the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. We are hoping to use ESSER funding, but if not approved we will still complete the project with PPEL/SAVE funds. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Cooling Tower Replacement bid with Young's Plumbing & Heating for \$144,000. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Heat Pump Replacements at South Hardin High School Pending ESSER

Approval

We were originally planning to replace some heat pumps this summer but with ESSER funding, if approved by the DE, we may be able to replace all of the remaining original units. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the Heat Pump Replacements pending ESSER approval with Young's Plumbing & Heating at a cost of \$140,000. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Bus Purchase

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we are set to purchase a bus as part of our regular rotation this year using PPEL/SAVE money. The recommendation is to purchase a 72 passenger 2022 Bluebird Diesel bus. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the purchase of a new 2022 72 passenger bus from School bus Sales Co. for \$107,989. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Used Van Purchase

Dr. Zellmer noted we are always in need of vans and we may be able to purchase one with just 1,000 miles on it from a neighboring district. We put in a bid of \$25,010 and they will be approving bids at their regular meeting. If we get the bid we will ask for approval to use ESSER funds to purchase, otherwise we will use PPEL/SAVE funds. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the purchase of a used van from the Iowa Falls School District in the amount of \$25,010. All voted in favor. The motion carried. (Late note: E-NP did not get the bid for a van from Iowa Falls CSD.)

Discuss/Action Enter into Contract with DCI Group for Construction Management of Facilities Updates

The buildings and grounds committee met with two construction management firms, Estes Construction and the DCI Group. The committee feels the DCI Group is a better fit with professional services being billed hourly. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the construction management contract with DCI Group for the district's facilities updates at a cost of 3% of the total project bid cost, plus professional services at an hourly rate of \$80 to \$105 per hour depending on service provided, and \$4,000 for design team/architect procurement. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Updated School Calendar

The football schedule for 2021 is now available so we can set Homecoming for the 1st week in October, and now solidly set September and October PD days. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the updated school calendar. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss COVID Update

Dr. Zellmer again presented the board with the survey responses. He noted he has received no formal letters from the teacher's union asking for masks to remain mandatory. He noted if we take the mask requirement off, we take on liability and lose the Safe Harbor opportunity according to our attorneys Ahlers and Cooney and could be held negligent and liable if something were to happen. He feels the risk is too high and 95% of schools still require masks. He proposed to the board that we have a joint/regular meeting with Hubbard-Radcliffe on July 19 to make an informed decision on mask requirements for 2021-22.

Discuss Schools Cannot Do It Alone Part 2 Book Study

The board discussed Part 2: Why Our Schools Need to Change of the book Schools Cannot Do It Alone.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs informed the board last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and Anderson/Floyd Dentistry had provided food and bracelets for the staff, ISASP tests have been completed, grades 3-5 will take the Conditions for Learning Survey on Friday, and there is an elementary concert on May 18th in the elementary gym. Mr. Rundall stated graduation is this Sunday, May 16 in the high school gym, Awards Night is Tuesday night, June 3rd is the last day of school, Tiger Achievement inducted 17 new members, finals are June 1 and 2, and he is now looking to hire a social studies teacher. He also noted Prom was last month and successful thanks to junior leaders stepping up. Dr. Zellmer referred the board to his monthly analytics and superintendent report for updates and noted the legislature is supposed to be done, but several educational bills are still out there.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.