

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

August 14, 2023 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, Maggie VanderWilt, Breanne Butler, Jay Stanish, and Marc Anderson, Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Elementary Principal Kassandra Albright, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Director of Learning Sherri Walker, Facility Manager Mike May, and visitors.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board 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 presented the board with additional bills, a staff recommendation, and 2 open enrollments in addition to the information presented in their packets. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, July regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Reagan, Ian, and Kerrigan Schiebel from BCLUW to E-NP HSAP, Westlyn Wilson from BCLUW to E-NP (K), Carlee and Cayden Kelley from AGWSR to E-NP, Kimber Thompson from E-NP to IF-A (Pre-K), Henry Geerdes from E-NP to Grundy Center, Haille Karmas from E-NP to Iowa Virtual Academy, and Rhea and Odin Waltemeyer from E-NP to BCLUW; staff recommendations for Blake Owens as fall concessions sponsor, Brandi Tripp as volunteer assistant volleyball coach, and Valerie Williams as vocal music assistant (musical); a sharing agreement with AGWSR for teacher librarian, and an updated Appendix A with Iowa Valley for HS Concurrent Enrollment.

Public Report Time - None

Discuss/Action Board Secretary/Treasurer 2023-24

**Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Breanne Butler that Cindy Bierle be appointed as Board Secretary-Treasurer for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Depositories for District

**Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish that Hardin County Savings Bank, Green Belt Bank & Trust, and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust be named the official depositories for the district with depository limits of \$4,000,000; \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Official Newspaper for District

**Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle that the Eldora Newspapers be the official newspaper for the district for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Attorney for District

**Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Emily Herring that the Ahlers Law Firm be retained as the districts legal counsel for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Activity Fund/Nutrition Fund Check Signing Designees

**Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish that Deb Priske be authorized to sign Activity Fund checks and Nancy Webb be authorized to sign Nutrition Fund checks for the district for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2023-24 Tiger Success Center Student Handbook

Dr. Zellmer noted the only change to the handbook may be an addendum later for library materials. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the 2023-24 Tiger Success Center Student Handbook. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2023-24 South Hardin High School Student Handbook

Dr. Zellmer noted the only change to the handbook may be an addendum later for library materials. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the South Hardin High School Student Handbook for 2023-24. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Indirect Costs Transfer from Nutrition Fund to General Fund

Dr. Zellmer noted we have the opportunity to recoup some indirect costs (like utilities) from the Nutrition Fund and put back into the General Fund on a yearly basis. The calculated amount of \$14,656.67 for indirect costs using the department of ed formula would be transferred from the Nutrition Fund to the General Fund. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Indirect Cost Transfer from the Nutrition Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$14,656.67. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Remove and Replace Fire Hydrant at High School

The fire hydrant between the football field, baseball field, and school has a crack in it which means we have no access to water on that side of the grounds and needs to be replaced after our last hydrant inspection. Gehrke Inc. has a hydrant that is ready to be installed. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the fire hydrant replacement bid for the South Hardin High School with Gehrke Inc. for \$11,500. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

No changes to the ESSER 3 Plan this month. After summer school and curriculum payments we will decide how to allocate the remaining balance in the account this fall. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the ESSER 3 Plan. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss Current Hiring Status for 2023-24

The board discussed current hiring status in the district with 1 counselor position, 1 business teaching position, and ELA for second semester still needing to be filled at South Hardin High School.

#### Discuss School Board Election

School board elections will be in November and E-NP has 4 board member seats up for election in 2023 – Director District 1 currently held by Nick LaVelle, Director District 2 currently held by Emily Herring, Director District 3 currently held by Maggie VanderWilt, and At-Large seat currently held by Marc Anderson. Paperwork may be picked up in the superintendent’s office and the filing period is from August 28 through September 21 with a 25 signature minimum requirement.

#### Discuss Facilities Project Bond Vote

The board discussed the Facilities Bond Project Vote and a petition was sent out to get signatures to put the 11 million dollar bond referendum on the November 7, 2023 ballot which would include renovation and additions at ENP Elementary and renovations and career and technical education additions at South Hardin High School. No renovation or addition of a gym at ENP Elementary will be included in this phase of projects, renovations or replacement of the current elementary gym will be considered as a project farther down the road using Sales Tax Revenues.

#### Discuss Summer Projects

Mike May and Dr. Zellmer gave the board a brief update on summer projects (lower elementary project and high school shower rooms). Dr. Zellmer also noted the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue street project is going well and the street will be open for the start of school. He also noted the new digital sign will be installed this week and the Parent Square website will hopefully be up and running the first day of school.

#### Discuss Daycare Rental Agreement

The rental agreement with Eldora Children’s Center was discussed. It was decided that a committee of E-NP board members (Emily Herring, Marc Anderson, and Nick LaVelle) and ECC board members would be formed to discuss future proceedings.

#### Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Albright stated she had met with most of her staff 1-1, had done story time at the Eldora Public Library, summer school had 26 students on a regular basis and 6 extended year students, class lists have been released, Back to School open house will be August 24 from 3 – 6 p.m., and professional development will focus on Bridges math. Mr. Rundall noted the Fall Sports Kickoff was well attended, registration was going well, orientation will be August 21 from 5-7 p.m., the IJAG program is going over very well, and homecoming will be coming in September.

Mrs. Walker informed the board math and special ed curriculum will be rolling out the next couple weeks and she is working on finding balance for teachers. Dr. Zellmer thanked summer staff for their efforts during his absence and noted we have some exciting opportunities next year.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the E-NP District Office.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.