

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

September 11, 2023 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, Maggie VanderWilt, Breanne Butler, Jay Stanish, and Marc Anderson (by phone), Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Elementary Principal Kassandra Albright, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Director of Learning Sherri Walker, 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. **Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Emily Herring to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, August regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: open enrollments for Aliyah Alloway from Iowa Falls to E-NP, Cleo Oban-Weinrich from BCLUW to E-NP, and Kailee Kolthoff from E-NP to Clayton Ridge; a staff recommendation for Zach Allison as head girls’ track coach; a staff lane change for Brianna Swangel from BA12 to MA; a 2023-24 Sharing Agreement with Hubbard-Radcliffe for School Counselor; a 2023-24 Cooperative Sharing Agreement with UNI for Student Teachers; FFA National Convention Trip; and Spring and Summer 2024 Coaching Contracts.

Public Report Time

Emma Chase, Eldora Children’s Center board member, and Kendra Kendall, ECC Director, thanked the board committee and Dr. Zellmer and Cindy Bierle for meeting with them last week. They felt very good about the meeting, noting they are asking for a 25% reduction in rent due to the fact that they no longer have one of the rooms to use.

Discuss/Action Hardin County Conference Board Representative

Breanne Butler noted she would be willing to continue as the board representative on the Hardin County Conference Board. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Jay Stanish to appoint Breanne Butler to the Hardin County Conference Board. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Grundy County Conference Board Representative

No action taken.

Discuss/Action Approve Ahlers & Cooney as Bond Counsel for General Obligation School Bonds

Motion by Emily Herring seconded by Breanne Butler to approve Ahlers & Cooney as Bond Counsel for the General Obligation School Bonds. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Resolution Ordering an Election on the Issuance of \$11,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds

The board was presented with 226 signatures on a petition to call an election on the issuance of \$11,000,000 in general obligation school bonds. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the resolution ordering the election on the issuance of \$11,000,000 in General Obligation School Bonds. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaVelle, Cook, Herring, Stanish, VanderWilt, Butler, and Anderson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

No changes to the ESSER 3 Plan this month. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the ESSER 3 Plan. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Amendment to Eldora Children’s Center Contract

Emily Herring, Marc Anderson, Nick LaVelle, Cindy Bierle, and Dr. Zellmer met with 3 members of the Eldora Children’s Center board last week to discuss their current contract. They are asking for a 25% reduction in rent due to the fact that they are only allowed to use 3 of the 4 rooms previously granted. Nick LaVelle shared information the ECC board had shared with the committee. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish to approve a 25% reduction in rent to the current Eldora Children’s Center contract. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

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. Maggie VanderWilt is the only incumbent that will not seek reelection. It was noted that Mark Sparrow had taken papers out for the District 3 seat currently filled by VanderWilt. 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 Bond Vote

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with talking points about the proposed general obligation bond and how the funds would be used and the next steps in the process.

Discuss Current Facilities Projects

Dr. Zellmer gave the board a brief update on current facilities projects, noting the new digital sign has been installed and the base being painted is the only thing left to do. The lower elementary project is down to punch list items, the high school locker room only has graphics left to be placed, and Parent Square will be finished once school pictures and homecoming have been taken care of. It was also noted the second choice for meals was going over very well.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Albright stated Math curriculum (Bridges) is getting started, Reading curriculum is going well, she is doing a Principal Book Talk with grade level kids on school wide expectations, professional development has centered around deescalating situations and will focus on Bridges math curriculum in the future.

Mr. Rundall noted schedules are going well, fall MAP testing will begin soon, he will have 5-6 early graduate requests, fall sports are going well, homecoming is next week, professional development worked with the PLC process and curriculum and will be doing a book study on Running the Room, and the E-Hall Pass is providing good data and talking points on students being out of the classroom.

Mrs. Walker stated she had joined the PLC process to answer math questions and had helped with ELS screening.

Dr. Zellmer noted he had been working on the bond work and Friday features.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular/joint meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the SHMS.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.