

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 13, 2023 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, Maggie VanderWilt, Breanne Butler, and Jay Stanish, Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Elementary Principal Cassandra 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

Motion by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, October regular/joint meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: an open enrollment for Coy Goedken from AGWSR to E-NP (K2024-25); a staff resignation from Mike Teske as assistant girls’ basketball coach; staff recommendations for Kayla Gomez as high school assistant kitchen manager, Maggie Ziemke as high school lead cook, Angie Cook and Jen Sheldahl from 50% contract to full contract as girls’ basketball assistants, Mike Teske and Jay Sheldahl as volunteer assistant girls’ basketball coaches, Ryan Luiken and David VanderWilt as volunteer assistant boys’ basketball coaches, Breanne Butler as winter concessions sponsor, Mary Jones as high school assistant cook, and Nathan Weig as head baseball coach.

Public Report Time - None

District Career and Academic Plan (Mr. Rundall)

Mr. Rundall gave a presentation on the District Career and Academic Plan.

Discuss/Action SBRC Application for Special Ed Administrative Costs for 2024-25 with Lied Center Consortium

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the SBRC application in the amount of \$1,976.61 for special education administrative costs associated with the Lied Center Consortium. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Early Graduation Requests

Mr. Rundall noted he has 10 early graduation requests and recommends approval pending completion of necessary coursework. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the early graduation requests pending completion of necessary coursework. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approve Central Rivers AEA Director District #3 Board of Directors Weighted Vote

Dr. Zellmer noted only one candidate is running for the Central Rivers AEA Director District #3 Board of Directors, Kathy Enslin and the board needs to formally approve casting a weighted vote. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish to cast our weighted vote for Kathy Enslin for the Center Rivers AEA District #3 Board of Directors. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Resolution Adopting the Hardin County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Dr. Zellmer informed the board in order to allow the county to apply for federal grants this must be updated every 5 years. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the Hardin County Hazard Mitigation Plan. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Board Policy 407.6 Licensed Employee Early Retirement

Dr. Zellmer noted there are 5 eligible employees for early retirement, noting we currently have low preschool numbers and classes are getting smaller so we will likely need to make some cuts next year. If people are willing to take early retirement then we can move current staff around to fill those openings and potentially not have to cut staff members. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve board policy 407.6 Licensed Employee Early Retirement. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

Dr. Zellmer noted we have roughly \$8,799.31 left in ESSER III funds. He recommends allowing each library to spend \$1,500 for new books and \$5,800 to purchase a new auto scrubber to replace the 12 year old scrubber at the high school. **Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the ESSER 3 Plan spending the remaining \$8,799.31 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Final Reading of Board Policies 501.08, 605.03, 605.03R(1), 605.3E(1-5), 104, and 104R(1)

Last month we had the first reading of these new policies based on the last legislative session and Dr. Zellmer recommends approving them as written. **Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the final reading of Board Policies 501.08, 605.03, 605.03R(1), 605.3E(1-5), 104, and 104R(1). All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Review Board Policies 405.02, 405.08, 501.03, and 505.08

These four polices are current board policies that were slightly changed to meet the new legislative requirements of the last legislative session. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the review of Board Policies 405.02, 405.08, 501.03, and 505.08. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss School Board Election

Dr. Zellmer noted we will welcome new board member Mark Sparrow at the December meeting, which will also be Maggie VanderWilt's last meeting.

Discuss Bond Vote and Facility Next Steps

The board discussed the school bond vote and next steps, with no formal action taken but will convene the facilities committee to continue to develop a plan for the next steps.

Discuss/Action Elementary After School Program

After discussion about lack of participants, financial feasibility of the program, and being unable to find someone to fill the position, the board decided to discontinue the program. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle to terminate the ENP Elementary After School Program at the end of November. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Albright informed the board the elementary had 71% participation in parent teacher conferences, they had over 100 students at the literacy night, Tiger Traits are promoting positive office referrals, the 3rd grade is working with the library on STEM programs, Child Safety Matters, and professional development is focusing on Bridges Math Curriculum.

Mr. Rundall noted the high school had 281 parent teacher conferences, 10 early graduation requests, the 1st semester English teacher has decided to stay on for 2nd semester, several activities and participants at state level, successful Vet's Day program, and professional development of ICD Plans, Sammi, and Running the Room book study.

Mrs. Walker stated the fall mentee workshop included 8 teachers reflecting on Standards 2,4, and 6, supported PD on November 6 for Bridges Training, and working on data digs for Special Ed to make instructional changes.

Dr. Zellmer noted his board report was in the packet and there are several winter concerts and sports activities in the near future.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the South Hardin High School Media Center following the 6-12 Band and Vocal Concert.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.