

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

January 8, 2024 – Eldora-New Providence District Office

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, Mark Sparrow, Jay Stanish, and Breanne Butler (by zoom), Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, and visitors. Absent: Marc Anderson

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.”

Public Hearing on Proposed Flexibility Account Spending for Wireless Mics for the High School Auditorium

President Cook asked for any public comment on the flexibility account spending and hearing non declared the hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

**Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, December regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: staff resignations from Christina Squires as wrestling cheer sponsor and Mary Jones as high school part time assistant cook; and a staff recommendation for Carol Adams as elementary special ed para.

Public Report Time

Melissa Miller, Pam and Michael Runyon, and Jill Stanish spoke to the board on behalf of the South Hardin Performing Arts Boosters on investing funds to make updates to the South Hardin High School Auditorium and an improvement plan for performing arts teaching, rehearsal, and performance spaces at SHHS.

Discuss/Action Resolution on Proposed Flexibility Account Spending for Wireless Mics for the High School Auditorium

The public hearing was held at the beginning of the meeting with no comments. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Emily Herring to approve the resolution on proposed flexibility spending for wireless mics for the High School Auditorium. Jay Stanish noted he had talked with HSAP liaison Diane Nelson who agreed the needs are there. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cook, Sparrow, Herring, LaVelle, Stanish, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Resolution on At Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan

Superintendent Zellmer informed the board the At Risk/Dropout Prevention funds will be used for Counselor salaries, academic and behavioral intervention instruction, Hub Student Success Center Coordinator, and School Social Worker. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the Resolution on At Risk/Dropout Prevention of the 2024-25 school year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cook, Sparrow, Herring, LaVelle, Stanish, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Request to SBRC for At Risk/Dropout Prevention Modified Supplemental Amount Application

Dr. Zellmer informed the board the amount of funding we can receive is formula driven and we want to request the maximum amount possible of \$206,450. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2024-25 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$206,450 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2024-25 At Risk and Dropout Prevention Program plans as approved by the Eldora-New Providence CSD school board. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Early Retirement Application and Resignation Letter

Dr. Zellmer noted Cindy Bierle has completed her application for early retirement and he recommends approving the application and resignation. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the early retirement and resignation of Cindy Bierle. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Review Board Policy 507.9 Wellness Policy

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we have to review this policy for our Food Services Audit. The current policy has been reviewed and is within compliance. **Motion** by Mark Sparrow seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the Review of Board Policy 507.9 Wellness Policy. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss/Action Elementary Classroom Renovations

Dr. Zellmer noted last month we talked about renovating the upper level classrooms with funding on hand and acting as our own general contractor, completing most of the work ourselves. With this plan we would renovate 4 and hopefully 5 classrooms over the summer, then during the school year do the remaining 5 one at a time, rotating students to new classrooms as the renovations are completed. We are estimating \$40,000 per classroom for materials and approximately \$30,000 in additional labor. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the Elementary Classroom Renovations up to \$400,000 for materials and \$30,000 in additional labor beyond current staffing. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### Discuss Facility Next Steps

Dr. Zellmer noted due to the weather tonight, he would like to schedule a board work session before the joint meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. He has sent out a poll and would like the members to respond with their availability.

#### Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Dr. Zellmer noted all the reports were in the board packet for the board to read. He stated he would be attending a Statewide Committee meeting on State School Report Card on Thursday.

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

The next meeting will be our joint meeting with Hubbard-Radcliffe on Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin High School Media Center.

#### Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.