

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

May 13, 2024 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Marc Anderson, Mark Sparrow, Breanne Butler, Emily Herring (arrived during consent agenda), and Jay Stanish (arrived during item 4.04), Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, 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.”

Public Hearing on Proposed Flexibility Account Spending

Dr. Zellmer noted neither he nor Board Secretary Bierle had received any verbal or written comments. President Cook asked for any public comment and hearing none declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Public Hearing on Amendment to the Current Year School Budget

Dr. Zellmer noted neither he nor Board Secretary Bierle had received any verbal or written comments. President Cook asked for any public comment and hearing none declared the public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

The board was presented with additional activity fund bills and an additional recommendation for hire. Online schooling and activity participation were discussed as well as buses entering a neighboring district to pick up students. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Marc Anderson 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: open enrollments for Dakotah and Americas Deemer from E-NP to CAM-Iowa Connections Academy, Maylee Dreier from E-NP to Iowa Falls, and Rhett Prosser from AGWSR to E-NP; staff recommendations for Blake Owens as fall concessions sponsor, Jonathan Kies as school business official, and Michael Rundall as summer concessions sponsor; a staff transfer for Wanda Estes from elementary special ed para to high school special ed para; renewal of shared contracts with Hubbard-Radcliffe for Director of Teaching, Learning & Assessment, Food Service Director, Transportation Director, Athletic Director, Web Master, Instrumental Music Teacher, and Vocal Music Teacher; Preschool Contract with Good Shepherd; and 2024-25 and 2025-26 Memorandum of Understanding with Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

Public Report Time - None

Presentation of School Board Appreciation Certificates

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with Iowa Association of School Board certificates of appreciation and thanked them for their dedicated service to the district.

Discuss/Action Board Resolution Flexibility Account Transfer for High School Fine Arts Improvements

Dr. Zellmer noted we had the public hearing on the transfer of \$60,759.31 of funds from the HSAP Fund to the Flexibility Account for improvements to the SHHS Auditorium and SHHS Music Room so now we need to approve the resolution. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Mark Sparrow to approve the resolution to transfer \$60,759.31 from HSAP to the Flexibility Account. Ayes: Cook, LaVelle, Anderson, Butler, Herring, and Sparrow. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Amendment of Current Year Budget

Dr. Zellmer noted we had the public hearing on amending the current year budget in the areas of noninstructional programs and other expenditures and we now need to approve the amendment. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the amended 2023-24 budget with a \$70,000 increase to noninstructional programs and a \$1,000,000 increase to total other expenditures. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Resolution to Allocate Funds to Central Rivers AEA for 2024-25

Dr. Zellmer stated with the major changes to the AEA funding and how late it is for them to be planning differently for next year, he would like to pass a resolution to allocate our media and ed services money to the AEA for services for the 2024-25 school year. He noted this is a combined figure of about \$50,000. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the resolution to allocate 100% of our Media Services and Educational Services Fund to Central Rivers AEA for the 2024-25 school year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action SU Insurance Equipment Maintenance Insurance Renewal

The board was presented with the yearly SU Insurance Equipment Maintenance Renewal that we pay for through the Management Fund. This allows us to pay for mechanical equipment repairs, computer repairs and preventative maintenance that would otherwise be paid out of the General Fund. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the SU Insurance Equipment Maintenance Renewal for \$146,819 for the 2024-25 School Year. All voted in favor. The motion carried. (Jay Stanish arrived during the discussion.)

Discuss/Action Donation of Football Trailer for Equipment from Perry Ag Services

Dr. Zellmer informed the board that Perry Ag Services had donated a trailer to the school district to be utilized by the football program for hauling football equipment to away games. **Motion** by Mark Sparrow seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the Football Trailer donation by Perry Ag Services. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Revise Board Policy 410.1 Substitute Teachers

Dr. Zellmer noted with the change in teacher pay for the 2024-25 school year, we need to adjust board policy 410.1 to reflect how we are paying long-term substitute teachers. Instead of a percentage of the base salary moving forward we will look to do a bonus on top of the daily sub rate for those who work in long term sub positions of 10 or more consecutive days. The pay would be regular sub pay + a \$40 bonus per day. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the revision of Board Policy 410.1 Substitute Teacher. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action 2024-25 Bread and Milk Bids

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we only received one bread and one milk bid again this year. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the bread bid with Pan-O-Gold and milk bid with AE Dairy for the 2024-25 school year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approval of Teacher Salary Supplement FY 2024 Balance Allocation

With the sharing of teachers and not being able to fill all positions at SHHS, we are left with unallocated TSS funds of \$32,395 that need to be distributed. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Emily Herring to approve the Teacher Salary Supplement FY 2024 balance allocation. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Amended High School Roof Contract

Dr. Zellmer informed the board after further inspection on one section of the high school roof, the product manufacturer says another coat of the product is going to be needed to get to the 20-year product warranty, otherwise they will only guarantee for 15 years. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Breanne Butler to approve the amended contract with Iowa Green Roofing for an additional \$10,000 to a total of \$265,000 for a 20-year warranty on the SHHS roof. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss Summer Projects

Dr. Zellmer stated the upper elementary project supplies are coming in and furniture is scheduled for delivery. The high school doors and windows and high school roof are being ordered. He noted we need to find an engineer to look at the wind turbine to ensure it is safe to work on repairs.

Discuss Current Hiring Updates

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we currently have all positions filled for 2024-25, however are still looking for bus drivers.

Discuss 2024 Legislative Session

Dr. Zellmer noted the AEAs had significant cuts, there will be studies on graduation requirements, and AEA real estate holdings are being evaluated.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Albright informed the board the elementary standardized test results should be coming soon, report cards will go home with students the last day of school, PTO did a fabulous job for the staff for staff appreciation week, Mega Party with blow ups is this Friday, track and field day is Monday, 5th grade graduation is coming, and end of year professional development is focused on math curriculum and reading intervention.

Mr. Rundall noted ISASP testing has wrapped up, graduation is this weekend, awards night is tomorrow night, senior finals are Wednesday and Thursday, over 700 tests were able to be opted out of, IJAG has had such good participation only juniors and seniors will be able to participate next year, service learning day went well, counselors are doing a great job for the students, and we have many state athletic participants.

Mrs. Walker's board report is in the packet.

Dr. Zellmer has been doing end of year planning, beginning of year planning for 2024-25, and will attend an AEA planning session tomorrow.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the E-NP District Office.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.