

Regular Board Meeting

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EASTERN HANCOCK High School Cafeteria- 10320 E. 250 N., Charlottesville, IN 46117 (317-936-5444)

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00pm - 8:30pm

1 Public Notice

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board held in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. The Board will permit fair and orderly public expression as indicated by the Agenda Item Public Comment. Procedures to govern such participation are available upon request. The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent with the School Corporation's Administrative Office at 317-936-5444.

2 Call To Order

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Success Stories

Minutes:

-Mr. Randy Adams, MS/HS Band Director, recognized this year's choir & band achievements at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest. The High School came home with 12 gold medals and the Middle School returned with three. He then introduced three Chamber Music groups who performed for the Board and audience. The first group was the Four x Four percussion group of Cameron Alberts, Nick Edwards, Allison Kirklin and Cassandra Hannemann who are upperclassmen from the percussion class and are entirely self-organized and self-taught. The second group was the Saxophone Quartet made up of Luken Edwards, Corina Jennings, Drew Elliott and Ben Furlani. They played a song called "The Lone Ar-ranger Goes Sax Mad!" which features over a dozen familiar tunes mixed together. The final group to perform was the full Percussion Ensemble which played the 1970's style jazz tune, "Afro Blue," a song that they won gold with at District & State competitions. The full group included Cameron Alberts, Nick Edwards, Allison Kirklin, Cassandra Hannemann, Abby Brown, Zoe Benefiel, Madeline Sitton, Lilly Richmond, Allison Bunnell, Sarah Gibson, Andrew Smith & Deven Kingma.

-Teacher Mr. Michael Galyan, along with students Alyson Spaulding and Skyler Schrope, conducted a presentation about EH's latest broadcasting and live-streaming accomplishments. Skylar and Aly did most of the broadcasting of this year's football and boys basketball games. They demonstrated several of the features the current broadcasting and live-streaming equipment is able to do. Much of what is completed at this time is done during homeroom, but the hope is to eventually have a Broadcasting class available to students in the future. Mr. Galyan shared a few hardware needs that would help with a future class, as well as ways he feels broadcasting could open up marketing possibilities for the school.

-Lastly, Mr. Dustin Eck, 5th Grade Teacher, presented the Elementary School Robotics team and shared a demonstration of their robots and how they compete. This year's team included 24 third through fifth grade students divided into 3 teams. The students were in charge of every aspect of the robotics competitions, from programming, building and driving the robots to designing the practice courses. Four members of the team, Amelia Shores, Luke Ebbert, Sara Ebert & Teddy Hanna conducted the demonstration and shared their favorite part of Robotics Club.

5 Public Comment

Minutes:

None

6 Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes of February 11, 2019

6.2 Donations

Minutes:

Total: \$901.00

6.3 Transfer Students

Minutes:

Total new: 1

6.4 Field Trips

Minutes:

-Out of Country & Overnight - HS Foreign Language - Europe - March 25-April 4, 2019
-Out of State & Overnight - FFA - Oklahoma State - June 8-13, 2019

6.5 Substitutes

-No new subs

6.6 ECA

Minutes:

-Spring Coaching Positions:
JV Softball - Alie Carson; JV Baseball - Ken Whisman; Volunteer Asst. Track - Shelby Wyatt, Erin Harmon & Bailey Allen; MS Baseball - Chris Bova; MS Baseball (volunteer) - Andrew Knoblock

6.7 Summer Band Camp Request

Minutes:

-Camp: July 29-August 1, 2019 from 8am-6pm
-Precamp Practice: July 22-26, 2019 from 9am-12pm
-State Fair Band Date: Friday, August 2, 2019

6.8 Certified Staff

Minutes:

- Resignation - Derek McCormick - MS&HS Gym Teacher & HS Swim Coach - Effective May 25, 2019
- Maternity Leave - Jade Galyan - Effective April 8-May 23, 2019

6.9 Support Staff

Minutes:

- Temporary Pay Rate Change - Tracy McCarty - HR Duties - Effective January 25, 2019
- New Hire - Brian Sharp - MS&HS Resource IA - Effective February 25, 2019
- New Hire - Staci Emerson - HS Cafe - Effective March 4, 2019
- Additional Bus Route Need - Cindy Long - Effective March 11, 2019

6.10 Claims

Minutes:

Prewritten: \$51,404.15
Regular: \$288,305.16
Payroll: \$965,827.04
TOTAL: \$1,305,536.35

Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

7 Summer Driver Education Recommendation

Minutes:

-Mr. Dave Pfaff, MS/HS Principal, requested that we allow Quality Driver Education to again offer Driver's Ed to our students this summer. The classroom instruction is delivered online so there is no need for classroom space. The driving portion will occur on school grounds during the summer. There is no cost to EH.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to approve the request to allow Quality Driver Education to use Eastern Hancock premises for driver's education lessons this summer. Motion carried 5-0.

8 Annual Library Report

Minutes:

-The Hancock County Public Library Director, Dave Gray, presented the 2018 Annual Library Report.

-Key Updates: The library continues to be able to put 20% of its budget directly back into the expansion of its library collection, almost 6% higher than the state average. The New Sugar Creek Branch officially opened on February 11, 2019, with a building dedication scheduled for May 19, 2019. This new branch is 15,000 sq. ft. and includes 3 small study rooms, a large meeting room and a dedicated youth program room. The new branch was funded by a generous donation given by the late Dr. Ralph and Grace Rea, the Rainy Day fund and the restructuring of current bonds.

9 School Meal Pricing for 2019-20

Minutes:

-Mrs. Tracy Wilson, Food Service Director, provided the Board with the anticipated 2019-20 pricing for food services.

-Regulations at 7 CFR 210.14(e) require school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for meals served to students not eligible for free or reduced-price meals. This is done by completing the Paid Lunch Equity Tool (PLE) provided on the IDOE website. However, this year's PLE is not expected to be available until late March, so the following prices are the expected prices based on the trend of the last several years.

Elementary School Breakfast - \$2.10; MS/HS Breakfast - \$2.20; Adult/Guest Breakfast - \$2.80

Elementary School Lunch - \$2.95; MS/HS Lunch - \$3.05; Adult/Guest Lunch - \$3.70

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to approve the 2019-20 School Breakfast/Lunch price increase by \$0.10 to comply with expected federal legislation. Motion carried 5-0.

10 School Meal Charging Policy

Minutes:

-Mrs. Tracy Wilson informed the Board of some minor differences that were discovered between the current Neola policy regarding food services and the food service school policy presented to parents each year. Stating that our first priority is to be sure each and every student is provided a healthy meal each day, she requested some time to study ways to be fiscally responsible as well as to follow state guidelines in order to bring the two policies into agreement before the next school year. It was also suggested by the Board to have a future discussion regarding the purchase of ala carte items once a negative balance is acquired by a student.

11 Snow Day Make-Up Change for Students

Minutes:

-Dr. Vicki McGuire, Superintendent, informed the Board that since we are a Performance Qualified School this year, we have the option to measure our state mandated school day requirement in minutes rather than days. As such, we will meet that minute requirement without having to make up school on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to give Dr. McGuire the authority to make the decision to alter or adjust student school make-up days if the required number of minutes for the school year (2018-19) has been met for Performance Qualified School Corporations. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: Since the March 11, 2019 meeting, Dr. McGuire has in fact canceled March 25, 2019 as a snow make-up day.

12 Snow Day Make-Up Change for Teachers

Minutes:

-Mr. Scott Petry, Board President, expressed the opinion of the Board that since Eastern Hancock is a Performance Qualified School as well as a Four Star School, due in great part to the amazing staff and teachers, it has been suggested to allow teachers to make up the day of their contract that would be missed by not holding school on March 25, 2019 at any time they deem fit. They could use that day to work on their rooms this summer, to get to know the new principal who will be here next year, to prep classwork, etc.

Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to allow teachers to make up the remaining day on their contract at their discretion. Motion carried 5-0.

13 Technology Plan/E-Learning Information

Minutes:

-Ms. Trisha Armstrong, Director of Technology, gave an update on the current state of our technology program. Highlights include having 1:1 computing in grades 1-12 by next school year, eliminating the need for multiple computer labs and opening up rooms for other classes, increasing the Wifi capacity in all buildings with more points of access and increasing our internet security for students by utilizing Gaggle to monitor all Google products used by students. She also shared the changes she has seen in the past four years, like an increase from about 10 Google Classrooms being used to over 820 in use now. The change from Acer computers to Chromebooks has also made digital learning much smoother. Ms. Armstrong is currently researching eLearning possibilities and costs potentially for next year.

14 New Copier Contract Recommendation

Minutes:

-Ms. Armstrong explained that our 60-month contract with Xerox will end this summer. As a replacement, she recommends moving forward with Ricoh Copiers for another 60-month lease for all of the main and office printers. However she recommends purchasing 8 hallway printers for students that would be managed in-house with our IT Department. Both recommendations would be a cost savings of over \$250,000 over the 60-month period.

Mr. Jackson moved and Mrs. Stunda seconded a motion to approve a 60-month lease contract with Ricoh Copiers as well as the separate purchase of hallway printers for student printing. Motion carried 5-0.

15 Bid for Replacement of Windows & Doors

Minutes:

Mr. Jackson moved and Mrs. Settergren seconded a motion to approve the bid from National Glass & Hardware to replace the windows in the high school for \$136,270.00 as well as to approve the bid from Wise Building Solutions, Inc. to replace the doors and hardware in the high school cafeteria and auditorium for \$43,100.00. Motion carried 5-0.

16 Informational

Minutes:

-Dr. McGuire presented a quote for fans for the HS gym and asked if this was something that the Board wanted to move forward with. The Board and Mr. Adam Kinder, Director of Business & Operations, discussed the need for fans vs. if the Board plans to one day install air conditioning. Mr. Johnson questioned the safety of the wiring where the old fans currently are. He was assured that this has been checked and deemed safe.

-She reminded the Board of the Strategic Planning Day scheduled for May 3.

-Dr. McGuire thanked Rorye Hatcher of the Greenfield Daily Reporter for covering many of the positive aspects from the last board meeting.

-Last, she read a letter from Jen Goble, HR Specialist, thanking Tracy McCarty, CO Secretary, for filling in with HR duties during her maternity leave as well as taking on the unexpected role of assisting with the State Board of Accounts audit.

17 Other Items Allowed by the Board

18 Around the Table for Positive Comments

Minutes:

-Mr. Petry has been very impressed during the Principal interview process of all the positive comments the candidates have brought to the interview based on information they had gleaned from the community, people outside the community and other reports. He also thanked the administrators and teachers who have been helping with this search.

-Mr. Johnson thanked the staff, teachers and administrators for the dedication and hard work that they give to the school and our students that creates an environment that parents want to send their kids to and that has led to the recognition as a Performance Qualified School and a Four Star High School.

-Mr. Jackson expressed his continued appreciation of the success stories each month and acknowledged that despite losing Mr. Buckalew, Mr. Adams has been a great new hire to the band program. He was very impressed with the quality of the band performances as well as the robotics and broadcasting demonstration.

-Mrs. Stunda wished everyone an enjoyable spring break.

19 Adjournment

Minutes:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.