

**EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – WORK SESSION NOTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

Members Present

Theresa Drescher, President
Linda McClellan, Vice President
Cecil ShROUT, Secretary
Brian Motsinger, Member
Eric Albertson, Member

Members Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

President Theresa Drescher led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed. President Theresa Drescher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guests

NEWS MEDIA: None
OFFICIAL GUESTS: Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent
UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: David Churchman

Business

Tash Property

Mr. Mutschler, owner of the Tash property house was scheduled to attend the work session but was not present.

As a majority, the Board is not interested in selling any of the property. Secretary Cecil ShROUT is concerned about the barn and liability regarding anyone being in or around it. The Board would like information about raising the barn and cleanup of the surrounding property for safety with the cross country track and reducing potential liability of the corporation.

Three possible sources were discussed: Larry Cottongim, an advertisement in the paper from Greensfork, IN, or contacting local Amish to determine if someone is interested in tearing it down for the wood. Property lines need to be clearly staked.

Administration will contact the historical society to inquire about the status of the barn as a historical structure.

2013 Budget

A power point presentation was shown regarding 2013 projected expenditures. Revenue will be down \$426,138 due to decreasing enrollment in 2013. Suggestions for improving the budget forecast included a certified staff retirement incentive program, reducing the instructional coach position at the elementary school, and examining instructional staffing during March 2013 looking specifically at class sizes and use of instructional assistants. By consensus the Board agreed to a retirement incentive program with a minimum of 6 and maximum of 10 participants with a higher amount given should 9 or 10 individuals retire this year. The amounts would be \$20,000 or \$25,000 with applications submitted by December 20 by certified staff. The Board agreed to sign off the memorandum of agreement after negotiation with the teacher's association.

The Board would also like recommendations at the December meeting for the following:
School lunch employees must COBRA health benefits effective at the end of this school year to make this employee classification equal to instructional assistants. Exception to this will be food service managers since the scope of their positions extend beyond just the school year.
All instructional assistants will be given PERF effective January 1, 2013. In doing so, all classified employees will receive PERF with the exception of the bus drivers.

Items by the Board/Late Items

Member Brian Motsinger requested that the January meeting be rescheduled to January 10, 2013 to assure all Board Members would be able to attend. A recommendation will be made at the November meeting for this change.

Member Eric Albertson expressed the potential need to financially help the two soil judging teams that qualified for competition in Oklahoma City.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Motion: Eric Albertson, Seconded: Brian Motsinger, Vote: 5-0

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