

**EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES**  
**APRIL 9, 2013**

**Members Present**

Linda McClellan, President  
Cecil ShROUT, Vice President  
Brian Motsinger, Secretary  
David Churchman, Member  
Sue Jane Miller, Member

**Members Absent**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Linda McClellan led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed. President Linda McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Recognition of High School Leadership Project**

***The Leadership Project background provided by Mrs. Kate Jones:***

**A Summary of 2012-2013**

The Leadership Project has four objectives: 1) to provide the 20 project students with a positive activity and way to get involved in their school; 2) to encourage kids, through our program presentation, how to make good choices in tough situations and give them the skills they need to do so; 3) to promote helping others through volunteering activities; and 4) to decrease the feeling of helplessness in our community by empowering and educating our youth on how to make a difference.

We not only met but also, exceeded our goals and objectives (especially in the area of volunteering). We had three goals for the group: 1) to provide 20 diverse students with an increase in leadership skills, an increase in knowledge about how to create change in our community, and an increase in pride and purpose for their lives; 2) to present Superheroes Save the Day program to area elementary schools during the 2012-13 school year; 3) to promote volunteering in our school and community through offering and informing our students of opportunities (Triple Crown Challenge, Volunteer Day, and other opportunities).

**The Data**

- 4225 Students were exposed to Superheroes Save the Day during the 10 performances year, which was written by one of our students!
- 318 Volunteer hours were completed through the Triple Crown Challenge (with 41 students participating in at least one event and 22 students completing the Challenge). 97% of the students who participated in TCC said they liked the experience or liked it very much.
- 77% of TCC participants said they would like to do it again.
- 97% of the students who participated in TCC said that because of their TCC experience they would be more likely to volunteer on their own.
- \$200 in supplies was donated to the Washington County Humane Society Animal Shelter.

- Currently, several students decided they want to start a scholarship award for two EHS students with leadership potential and formed a committee to do fundraising; they are working on developing the scholarship on their own time and have a goal of \$400.
- A small group organized the collecting items needed by the Hoosier Hills PACT Domestic Violence Shelter in Nov. /Dec.
- Another group just completed our annual Can Drive, with a faculty volleyball game as a reward, there were 1892 cans collected and \$609.30
- Currently, yet another group of students are organizing our Volunteer Day approaching in April. We plan to have 80 students participate, along with faculty, in volunteering at various locations (an increase from the 59 we had last year).

Motion: Cecil Shrout, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

### Guests

NEWS MEDIA:

#### NEWSPAPER

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent

Ms. Christi Pruitt, Treasurer

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/ES Asst. Principal

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Russell Hopkins, Jr.

Kate Jones

Chandra Fleenor

Kayla Thompson

Rachel Hamilton

Kirsten Jayne

Nicole Curtis Davis

Carly Stahl

Haley Logsdon

### Business

Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s): For discussion of strategy with respect to; a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. \*By law, "all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and must not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.": To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to any discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(2d-8) at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 12, 2013 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

Vendor Claims/Payroll Claims

The Board approved Vendor Claims #5112 to and including #5207 and Direct Deposit Advices #26819 to and including #27293.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: Cecil Shrout, Vote: 5-0

Monthly Financial Reports

The monthly Financial Reports were presented to the Board. The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Cecil Shrout, Vote: 5-0

### Transfer Resolution

Superintendent Darnell recommended the Board approve the Transfer Resolution to transfer \$175,000 from the General Fund to the CPF until the spring property tax draw is received.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

### Appropriation Transfer Resolution

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Appropriation Transfer Resolution from the Building Acquisition, Construction and Improvements Program number to the Purchase of Mobile or Fixed Equipment Program number to cover the cost of the purchase of the a new Scag 61” zero-turn mower. Superintendent Darnell informed the Board that the purchase of the mower was put out for bid and Salem Rental submitted the lowest bid for the Scag 61” zero-turn mower.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Brian Motsinger, Vote: 5-0

### **Policy and Procedures**

Second Reading of Policy 0150, 0160, 1422, 2260, 2340, 3122, 4122, 4162, 5136, 5462, 5463, 5530, 5630, 7434, 7440, 7440.01, 7530.01V1, 7530.01V2, 7530.02 and 7542

After clarification from Superintendent Darnell of Vice President Cecil Shroust’s concerns with Policy 5136, Policy 7440.01 and 7530.01V2 Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the second reading of the above policies.

Motion: Cecil Shroust, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

### Approve Parent/Student Handbooks for 2013-14 School Year

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Parent/Student Handbooks as presented for review at the March 12, 2013 Board Meeting. The MS and HS amended the handbooks to reflect the clarified Policy 5136.

Motion: Cecil Shroust, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

### Approve Athletic/Coaches Handbooks for 2013-14 School Year

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Athletic/Coaches Handbooks as presented for review at the March 12, 2013 Board Meeting.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

### Review and Approval of Alternative Education Handbook for 2013-14 School Year

Mrs. Laura McClellan-Wanke provided the Alternative Education Handbook for review and approval. No significant changes have been made to the Handbook. Only applicable dates, schedules, etc. have changed to coincide with the 2013-14 school year.

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Alternative Education Handbook for the 2013-14 school year as provided by Mrs. McClellan-Wanke.

Member Sue Jane Miller had questions about alternative education students being able to participate in extra-curricular activities and walking with the seniors at graduation. Superintendent Darnell clarified the stipulations for extra-curricular activities and said the alternative education students would be able to walk with the seniors.

Motion: Sue Jane Miller, Seconded: Cecil Shroust, Vote: 5-0

## Personnel

### Approval of Personnel Changes

#### Resignation(s)

##### Certified

- ✓ Ms. Jessica Hickerson, HS English teacher submitted a letter of resignation at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

##### Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Ms. Kelley Lee submitted a letter of resignation as HS Cheerleading Coach effective immediately.

#### Employment of Staff

##### Classified

- ✓ Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal, recommended Holly Drury to fill in for Peggy Monroe, who is taking Valerie Myers' leave of absence.  
Extra-Curricular
- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, recommended Mr. Scott Newcomb as Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, Mr. Mike McBride as Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, and Mr. Justin Long as Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ✓ Mrs. Linda Luedeman, MS Principal, recommended Anna Marie Endris as Middle School Drama Sponsor for the 2013-14 school year.

##### Homebound

- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal requested a homebound instructor position of up to five hours per week for a high school student. He further recommended Mr. Mark Olesh to fill this role.

##### FYI

- ✓ Mrs. Christy Fisher's employment as HS custodian was terminated on March 14, 2013.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: Cecil Shrout, Vote: 5-0

### Review of Classified Employee Handbook

Superintendent Darnell reviewed the changes made to the Employee Handbook. The certified staff items were taken out because they are covered by the Master Contract. Superintendent Darnell informed the Board that a committee whose members were: Kendra Floyd, Marcia Jones, Amber Purlee, Stacey Collier, Bobbi Cope, Sherry Gore, Lola Smith, Trent Smith, Judy Hoke and Sharon Dillon was assigned for suggestions and input into the handbook. Vice President Cecil Shrout asked Superintendent Darnell if 'Appropriate Dress' would fall under 'Good Grooming' in the evaluation portion of the handbook. Mr. Darnell indicated it would.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Brian Motsinger, Vote: 5-0

## Instruction/Curriculum

### Projected Summer School Programs

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the projected summer school programs as submitted by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.



**Eastern High School  
Summer School Proposal  
2013**

- Summer School: June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup> (20 days)
- Monday – Friday
- 2 sessions 8:30-11:30 AM and 12:00-3:00 PM
- EHS will hire 2 teachers for summer school
- Each teacher will work 3 ½ hours Monday – Friday (June 3<sup>rd</sup> –June 28<sup>th</sup>) for a total of 70 hours
- Students will be allowed to take courses that are offered at EHS throughout the regular school year
- Courses will be offered through an online program (Stars Suite/Novel Stars)

Motion: Sue Jane Miller, Seconded: Cecil Shrout, Vote: 5-0

**Approve Summer Athletic Calendar**

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the use of corporation facilities for the 2013 summer athletic programs.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Brian Motsinger, Vote: 5-0

**Superintendent Information**

- ✓ Superintendent Darnell informed the Board that the destruction of records submitted for approval two years ago has been approved and the records have been taken to be destroyed.
- ✓ Superintendent Darnell informed the Board that school will be in session on Friday, May 3 as a snow make-up day and no school on Monday, May 6 because that snow day built into the calendar did not have to be used.

**Items by the Board/Late Items**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Cecil Shrout, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0