

**EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2013**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

**Guests**

**NEWS MEDIA:**

**NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

**OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal

Ms. Lisa Thomas, ES Principal

**UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Susan Davidson

Candy Brough

Darlene Hall

Russell Hopkins

Taylor Humphrey

**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 7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing of Debt Service Fund Additional Appropriations**

**Meeting to be called to order**

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations – Debt Service Fund

Superintendent Darnell briefly discussed the need for the additional appropriations. The first payment to the Common School Fund that was approved for technology infrastructure is due by December 31, 2013 and no appropriations were built into the 2013 to cover that payment. The fund does not have excess appropriations to cover the cost of the first payment in December.

**Approval of Debt Service Fund Additional Appropriations Resolution**

There being no public opposition for additional appropriations during the public hearing, Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Debt Service Fund Additional Appropriations Resolution as presented for the first payment to the Common School Fund due December 31, 2013.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

**Adjournment**

It is recommended that the Public Hearing for additional appropriations in the Debt Service Fund meeting adjourn and the Regular Board Meeting be called to order.

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Regular Meeting to be called to order**

**Recognition of HS Students Participating in Girls State**

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

***Background Provided by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal***

**Danielle Bruderer:**

*Was assigned to Lowe city in Loyalty County. She ran for and was elected to two offices: City Judge and County Treasurer.*

**Taylor Humphrey:**

*Was assigned to Hyde City and Liberty County. She ran for and was elected to the City Council. Taylor was so impressed with Trine University that she applied and was accepted and because she was a Girls State Delegate she was awarded a \$2,000.00 scholarship.*

**Rachel Hamilton:**

*Was assigned to Salvatore City and Patriot County. She ran for Mayor of her city.*

*All 3 girls were very excited to be selected and were eager participants in the process of learning about local and state politics. They learned a lot about the campaign process. They watched an actual court case.*

*They learned about how to be a better citizen. They had 2 female state troopers with them the entire week. They held various demonstrations and encouraged the girls to “follow their dreams” and that not all careers are for “men only”.*

*All 3 said it was a great experience and are so glad they attended.*

**Business**

**Approval of Minutes and Executive Session**

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s): 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 (8) at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2013.

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The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 9, 2013 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

The minutes of the School Board Adoption of the 2014 Budgets and Other Business Meeting of Tuesday, September 24, 2013 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

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

### Vendor Claims/Payroll Claims

The Board approved Vendor Claims #5748 to and including #5862, and Direct Deposit Advices #29496 to and including #29953.

Motion: Brian Motsinger, Seconded: David Churchman, 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: Cecil Shrou, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

### Personnel

#### Approval of Personnel Changes

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the personnel changes as outlined. After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

#### **Reduced Work Schedule**

##### *Certified*

- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal recommended reducing Mrs. Laura McClellan-Wanke's work schedule and compensation from five days per week to four days per week (Monday-Thursday). The Alternative School will not be staffed on Friday of each week and students would be allowed to work on their coursework away from the EHS campus.

#### **Resignation(s)**

##### *Classified*

- ✓ Mrs. Vicki Hollowell, HS cafeteria staff member has submitted a letter of intent to retire effective at the end of her work day on Friday, October 4, 2013.

#### **Employment of Staff**

##### *Classified*

- ✓ Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director recommended Erica Hobson as a driver to drive route 5 retroactive to September 3, 2013.
- ✓ Mr. Greg Hopkins, Asst. to the Superintendent and Mr. Aaron Smith, Grounds Director recommended William (Bill) Crumpton to fill the part-time mowing position for the district retroactive to August 26, 2013.
- ✓ Ms. Lisa Thomas, ES Principal recommended Terri Prindle as instructional assistant retroactive to October 1, 2013 through the end of the 2013/14 school year.

##### *Extra-Curricular*

- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal recommended Michael Gilliam as the boys' head track coach.
- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal recommended Jason Roberts as the varsity head softball coach.
- ✓ Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal recommended Cory Love as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach.
- ✓ Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal recommended Shane Miller as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach.

#### **FYI**

- ✓ Mr. Matt Pickerill will serve as a volunteer 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach.

## Instruction/Curriculum

### School Improvement Plans Approval

The principal from each building attended the meeting to address any issues/concerns regarding their building's submitted School Improvement Plan.

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the School Improvement Plan submitted individually by each building.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

### ISTEP+ Results and Building Ratings Report

Ms. Lisa Thomas, ES Principal presented information regarding the 2013 ISTEP+ results. Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal was unable to attend the meeting. Superintendent Darnell reviewed ISTEP+ data for the past 14 years by grade noting trends of each grade as viewed as a "program" over time.

Member Brian Motsinger pointed out concern in drop on 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math and talked about a target area. Member Linda McClellan questioned the problems that were encountered with the computer issues during last year's testing cycle and that could attribute to some downward spiral in scores in certain areas. Superintendent Darnell noted that the IDOE has certified ISTEP+ results as valid despite the fact numerous students encountered interruptions during the testing session.

### High Ability K-12 Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins attended the meeting to discuss any issues/concerns regarding the High Ability Report. Mr. Hopkins is now the High Ability Coordinator for the district. Mr. Hopkins noted this below information was provided by Andrea Pitcock, coordinator from last school year.

*The following information is basic overview of the expenditure of funds for the 2012-13 High Ability program at East Washington K-12.*

- *Total Funds: \$30,614.00*
- *Students in Program: Approximately: 200 out of 1471 @15% of population*
- *25 staff working with these students*
- *Stipend to High Ability Coordinator*
- *Stipends for six teachers to research, develop, and align digital curriculum*
- *Approximately 8 teachers to attend State High Ability Conference*
- *College credit reimbursement for one teacher to complete HA license*
- *Many supplies for Language Arts/Math, testing materials, Advanced Placement of US History Books*
- *20 iPads for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms*
- *Apple TV's for each room to have the capability of projecting the work from the iPad so the entire class can see*
- *3 Document Cameras: Used for projecting anything up on the wall without need for transparencies, etc.*

***A teacher sent this email to share some of the exciting things going on in her classroom with things purchased and being used with HA funds:***

*Yes, the kids all did individual research on different aspects of background for our novel Call of the Wild. For instance, someone did research on the Klondike region, some on the Gold Rush, some on the different types of dogs used in sledding, some on climate challenges, etc. etc. They then did presentations from their IPADS through the STARBOARD to teach the rest of the class as they were to be the “experts” on each area. This brought MUCH more knowledge to the students than I ever could have and more than we could have done on 3 or 4 computers. Many of them became so involved they worked from home as well as at school. They also did a formal presentation style where they used the “Keynote” app to do a PowerPoint style presentation and used the “Notes” app as notecards for their speeches. They are learning how to make a “formal” presentation with only “bullets” on the screen and the rest of the information told by them from their notecards on the IPADS. By the time we actually read the story, the kids were VERY familiar with the terrain, history, and conditions that made the story more outstanding. In my fifth grade class, we are reading Alice in Wonderland. They have also done research and are going to be responsible for recreating a “Mad Tea Party” using recipes from England, etc. They also have researched the game of Croquet, and a group will actually mark out the field and instruct the class how to play. We will be doing LOTS more, and in math too.....I can't wait!*

**generationOn Indiana Mini-Grant Approval**

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the generationOn Indiana Mini-Grant application as submitted by Mrs. Kate Jones, HS Counselor. The grant has already been awarded. The turn-around for the grant award was nine days.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

**Mahuron Grant Applications Approval**

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Mahuron Grant Applications as submitted by Ms. Shari Dalton, Title I Director, Ms. Terry Thixton, ES Counselor, all 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers as a group, Mrs. Leah Starrett individually and Mr. Tim Wells, MS Art Teacher.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

**MAC Mini-Grant Approval**

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the MAC Mini-Grant Application as submitted by Mr. Tim Wells, MS Art Teacher.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

**Driver's Education for 2013-14 School Year**

Superintendent Darnell notified the Board that the Central Indiana Education Service Center is available to offer our students online driver's education instruction as it did for last year. Mr. McBride feels making this instruction available to students earlier in the year will give students more time to complete the program. Last year, the online program was available March – June. This year, students could enroll and take the course starting in late October.

Program costs remain the same for this year as compared to last year. The cost to students/parents would be:

- \$ 80 online instruction for required classroom instruction through Central Indiana ESC
- \$255 required driving portion of six (6) clock hours behind the wheel
- \$335 total cost of driver's education (\$80 payable to Central Indiana ESC, \$255 payable to EWSC)

Superintendent Darnell informed the board that this is still very competitive with for-profit companies making driver's education available to students and their parents. Their cost is \$350 per student.

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve offering driver's education for students at the rate of \$255 for the required six hours of driving time with coursework being offered online through the Central Indiana ESC.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

### **Superintendent Information**

None

### **Items by the Board/Late Items**

- ✓ Member Sue Jane Miller asked about the approximate cost for the driver's ed program in the summer. The \$80 is paid when they go online, and the other \$255 is paid to EW for summer instructor costs.

### **Public Comments**

- ✓ Kate Wehlann, Salem Leader asked about scores from State on grades from the State. All information is not available at this time.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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