

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT
Dennis Stockdale

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Theresa Gottbrath, President; David Churchman, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary
Hector Nale, member; Sue Jane Miller, member

October 18, 2016 6:00pm

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

LEGAL MINUTES

Members Present

Theresa Gottbrath, President
David Churchman, Vice President
Linda McClellan, Secretary
Hector Nale, Member

Members Absent

Sue Jane Miller, Member

Guests

NEWS MEDIA:

NEWSPAPER

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Secretary
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal
Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal
Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Jeff Clem
Melanie Smith
Cameron Smith
Keith Scott
Cameron Howerton
Kendra Floyd
Cameron Smith
Jodi Cole
Kim Souder
Tom Coats

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Theresa Gottbrath led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Theresa Gottbrath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

President Theresa Gottbrath read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

Debbie Esarey, Principal, discussed the recent trip to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. Debbie Mishler attended as well, and has already incorporated some of the techniques learned that day into her classroom and is seeing good results.

East Washington Middle School Report

Amber Sater, Principal, also discussed the Ron Clark Academy trip. Michael Gilliam and Carla Coahron have begun using some of the new techniques and all of the students are excited and talking about the changes. EWMS has also begun co-teaching this year and that is going well. A Campus Life Program has been added to the after school activities at EWMS this year. Also, the Blue River Services After School Program is operating at maximum capacity. The 8th grade attended a field trip to the zoo.

Eastern High School Report

Darin Farris, Principal, reported on events happening this week at Eastern HS. There are upcoming Volleyball sectionals, Football sectionals, and the State Marching Band Contest. Eastern HS had 2 students qualify for Semi-State in Cross Country (Brandon Sill and Quentin Purlee). Mr. Farris also reported that one student who had been homebound since 5th grade was able to return to school this week as a freshman student.

High Ability Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, High Ability Coordinator, presented the annual High Ability Report.

Technology Report

A Technology Club has been created at Eastern HS and is meeting every other week. Their activities include completing technology projects, technology certifications, and seeking technology based internships. Cameron Smith, Cameron Howerton, and Keith Scott discussed and demonstrated all of the new technology that is being used at EHS in video editing, programming, and 3-D printing.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, discussed the need for updating the school's HVAC systems. He expressed the desire to not rely on the "Band-Aid fix approach" and instead to seek long term fixes and savings with greater energy efficiency. The school may partner with a company to perform evaluations of current systems and declare repair priorities and set long term goals to increase efficiency in the future. Mr. Stockdale discussed the possibility of considering solar energy in the future, which could result in significant energy savings for the corporation because the cost is set for 20 years. A Request For Qualifications approval was distributed to each of the Board Members. The school must follow the legislative process in filing this RFQ. Mr. Stockdale stressed the fact that the Board will have total control of this process and may reject or cancel at any time.

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Mr. Stockdale, also discussed the current situation involving Special Education staff. These staff members are currently employed by the South Central Special Education Co-op with different salary structures and benefit packages than EWSC employees. EWSC would like for all of its employees to feel they are part of the same family. Mr. Stockdale, as well as other local school superintendents have participated in discussions to move from an inter-local corporation to a joint services supply. Federal Grant funding would still be handled through the Special Education Co-op, but APC and ADM funding would remain at EWSC. All employees would then be employed by East Washington School Corporation. This process will take approximately 2-6 months and will involve resolutions to be presented at upcoming School Board meetings. All 6 schools who are members of the South Central Special Education Co-op are in agreement with these changes.

Mr. Stockdale, discussed the past and upcoming professional development trips. Educators have attended the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Ga, and a group of 8 will be attending the iNacol Blended Learning Symposium in San Antonio, TX. These trips are being funded by a Rural Schools Grant and Title II funding that has been designated to be used for Professional Development.

Blue River Services would like to extend their before and after school services currently being offered only in the Middle School and Elementary to include Eastern High School as well. The goal would be to enhance credit recovery for students, as well as provide career and technical opportunities for students. This could involve opportunities in welding programs, drone operations, networking and programming. The program would be funded by a Grant that could yield as much as \$300,000 per year over a period of 4 years. This would help with the up-front costs associated with providing these resources and opportunities for our students. EWSC should receive notification in December concerning the Grant approval.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items:

A. 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, in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(-) at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 27, 2016 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

The minutes of the Work Session Meeting of Tuesday, October 4, 2016 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

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B. Approval of Claims/Payroll/Financial Statements/Bank Reconciliation

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

Superintendent Stockdale recommended that the Board approve the personnel changes as outlined:

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Hopkins, Transportation Director, recommends Sue Burns as a Bus Driver for Route 18 retro-active to September 30, 2016.
- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Lori Byerley as ES 2nd shift Custodian effective October 18, 2016 at a beginning rate of \$11.25 per hour.
- ✓ Mr. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mark Pixley as ES 2nd shift Custodian effective October 4, 2016 at a beginning rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Chris Hinkle as Varsity Wrestling Head Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Scott Stewart as Varsity Asst. Wrestling Coach.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Matt Pickerill as a Volunteer High School Basketball Coach.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Hayden Woolsey as a Volunteer Middle School Basketball Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 4-0

Action Items

A. Recommendation to Advertise Request for Qualifications of Energy Service Providers

It was recommended that the Board approve the Advertising Request for Qualifications of Energy Service Providers.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm. The next School Board Work Session is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m, with Executive Session at 5:30pm. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

Theresa Gottbrath, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board