

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT
Dennis Stockdale

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Hector Nale, President; Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary
Tom Coats, member; Jeff Clem, member

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

LEGAL MINUTES

Members Present

Hector Nale, President
Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President
Tom Coats, Member
Jeff Clem, Member

Members Absent

Linda McClellan, Secretary

Guests

NEWS MEDIA:

NEWSPAPER

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

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

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Carla Coahran	Jodi Cole
Clinton Blankenbaker	Kendra Floyd
Anna Marie Endris	Marilyn Doan
Amy Rogers	Garrett Ellis

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Hector Nale led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Hector Nale called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mission Statement

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

School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

Mrs. Debbie Esaray, Principal, reported that students and teachers were preparing for ISTEP and IREAD.

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Garrett Ellis, Clinton Blankenbaker, Marilyn Doan and Amy Rogers spoke about their recent trip to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. They were very excited, and Mr. Blankenbaker stated that it was the best professional development he had ever attended.

East Washington Middle School Report

Anna Marie Endris and Carla Coahran led a presentation detailing their plans for the Mahuron and McDonalds Grants that were recently received. They have begun a STEM learning program teaching coding, and will be receiving various robotics to help with this curriculum. Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, was very impressed and commented that the Corporation would attempt to add some funding, possibly matching the grants that were received.

Ms. Amber Sater, Principal, presented a video that was recently shown during Student Appreciation Night at East Washington Middle School.

Eastern High School Report

Mr. Darin Farris, Principal, provided the Board with an update to the plan for “Personalized Learning” at Eastern HS for next school year. This plan will give students ownership of their learning. The program will be called Musketeers Empowered Academy (MEA).

Mr. Farris also updated the Board on the grant that was received to provide CTE certifications for students to better prepare them for their careers. Mr. Farris is also still working with Blue River Services to develop a before and after school program for students to attain further certifications.

Mr. Farris also announced that an Eastern HS student, Claire Olesh, has been accepted into the Indiana University Honors Program for Foreign Languages. She will be travelling to Spain this summer for a 6 week program. She will not use any English during the program and will attend classes while there. It is a wonderful opportunity for her.

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reiterated the need for bus drivers. The corporation is currently two drivers short. Bus inspections will be taking place on February 8, 9, and 10. Bus evacuation drills are also beginning.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, stated that he is currently working with the kitchen staff and the building treasurers to select a new point of service software system to be used beginning next school year.

Technology Report

None

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Superintendent Report

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, commended the East Washington School Corporation staff on their willingness to try new things.

He stated that he has been meeting with building administrators in planning sessions to discover more ways to challenge ourselves to get our brand out. We need to get word out to the community and make East Washington the school corporation that all students wish to attend.

The Corporation will work to add new programs, stop inefficient practices, and maintain efficiency so that funding may be directed to programs that will increase student population.

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 13, 2016, January 3, 2017 Reorganization Meeting, and also from the January 3, 2017 Work Session were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 4-0

Consent Items:

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

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 4-0

Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

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EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Hopkins, Transportation Director, recommends Tyler Fleming as Assistant Mechanic retro-active to January 2, 2017 at a beginning rate of \$19.00 per hour.
- ✓ Mr. Hopkins, Food Service Director, recommends Sue Burns as a part-time MS Cook retro-active to January 3, 2017 at a beginning rate of \$10.25 per hour.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Morgan Hargett and Megan Oakes as Assistant Softball Coaches.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Haley Harting as a Volunteer Track Coach.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Clint Morris as a Volunteer 5th grade Boys Basketball Coach.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance, recommends Jeremy Shell for the Maintenance position effective January 23, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance, recommends Marsha Niccum as 2nd shift Custodian at the Elementary School effective upon receipt of her expanded criminal background check results.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Paul Hobbs effective February 3, 2017.

Termination(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, recommended the termination of David Harris, Asst. Facilities Director, effective January 24, 2017.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 4-0

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Action Items

A. Approval of Donation to Eastern High School

It was recommended that the Board approve the donation of a gift certificate (to Lincks Clothing) from Helping Hearts of Canton Christian Church. The gift certificate is to be used to purchase hooded sweatshirts for 45 high school students.

Vice-President Theresa Gottbrath questioned how the students were chosen. Mr. Darin Farris said that the students were recommended by teachers and chosen by random draw.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 4-0

B. Permission to Void Outstanding Checks

It was recommended that the Board grant permission to void outstanding checks.

DELETION OF OUTDATED OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two years as of December 31 of each year are void.

As Treasurer, I am requesting permission to dispose of outstanding checks that were written in the calendar year 2011-2014 and are unpaid as of December 31, 2016.

These amounts are to be receipted into the funds from which they were originally drawn. If the fund on which the checks were originally drawn is not in existence, or cannot be ascertained, the amount of such checks shall be receipted to the General Fund and the checks removed from the record of outstanding checks.

Check #	Type/Fund	Issue Date	Payee	Amount
7362	Investment	9/24/2014	Debbie Mishler	\$ 47.00
10189	Student Council	4/23/2014	Rosa Snapp	\$ 79.17
10237	Book Rental	5/28/2014	Edward Stempowski	\$ 2.40
10285	Band	8/12/2014	A.L.Brown Band Aide Club	\$ 95.00
10437	Book Rental	11/4/2014	Leslie Gilstrap	\$154.50
10458	Student Activities	11/13/2014	Dana Humphrey	\$ 7.99
22731	Student Activities	2/3/2011	Youth Plays	\$ 87.00
24038	Athletics	7/26/2012	Southwestern Hanover	\$175.00
24084	Book Rental	8/15/2012	Nijsha Obedio	\$ 63.96
24348	Student Activities	11/2/2012	Gary Keinsley	\$ 15.00
24425	Athletics	11/20/2012	Ron McGriff	\$ 70.00
24577	Athletics	12/21/2012	Dick Hammond	\$ 70.00
25189	Athletics	8/27/2013	Allen Markja	\$ 50.00
25263	Athletics	9/23/2013	Charlie Baumeister	\$ 55.00
25667	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Deloris Jackson	\$ 3.00

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25670	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Victoria Whitehead	\$ 3.00
25673	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Denise Richmond	\$ 3.00
25675	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Robert Mazuch	\$ 3.00
25676	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Brook Rose	\$ 3.00
25677	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Teresa Worrall	\$ 3.00
25686	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Patricia Simpson	\$ 3.00
25689	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Deanna Miller	\$ 3.00
25690	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Shawnette Jenkins	\$ 3.00
25692	Student Activities	2/19/2014	Christina Knight	\$ 3.00
26240	Student Activities	9/24/2014	Erica Sparks	\$ 12.95

Jodi Cole

Treasurer

Dated: January 24, 2017

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Travel Payment and Reimbursement Resolution

It was recommended that the Board approve the Resolution for Payment and Reimbursement reflecting the mileage rate set for 2017 by the IRS.

In keeping with Policy 6550, 'Payment and reimbursement rates for per diem, meals, lodging, and mileage shall be established by the Corporation and approved by the Board annually.'

The mileage rate will change to 53.5 cents per mile (down from 54 cents for 2016) - as per 2017 IRS guidelines.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 4-0

D. Approval of Appropriation Resolution

It was recommended that the Board approve the Appropriation Resolution.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

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E. Conflict of Interest Approval

It was recommended that the Board accept the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Jeff Clem.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 3-0, with Jeff Clem abstaining

F. Approval of 2016 Appropriations Brought Forward to 2017

During the on-site audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, auditors requested that the Board approve appropriation amounts brought forward at the close of the calendar year. Specifically, auditors requested the fund and amount of appropriation brought forward be approved during a regular Board meeting.

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2016 appropriations brought forward to 2017 as follows:

100 general fund - \$330,339.38
350 capital projects fund - \$87,088.42
410 transportation fund - \$112,000.00
610 rainy day fund - \$27,095.00

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

G. Approval of Bus Purchase Recommendation

It was recommended that the Board approve the Bus Purchase as recommended by Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

H. As Needed

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Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Vice President Theresa Gottbrath provided the Board with an update on the “Popcorn Patch.” There are plans to obtain donated items and to use a one acre plot of ground on campus.

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, updated the Board on the plan to move to solar energy. The contracts are currently being reviewed by attorneys and should be ready for the February meeting. Work has begun to move to replace all lighting with more efficient LED lighting. This work will be done during second shift to minimize interruption to students.

Announcements

A corporation wide “Donkey Basketball Game” has been scheduled for April 22, 2017. The school board and administration will have a team.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Tom Coats
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 4-0

Hector Nale, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board