

# **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, April 25, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

## **LEGAL MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2017**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

### **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  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mrs. Katie Hutchinson, Technology Director  
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Admin. Assistant

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Jeremy Goen	Jennifer Goen
Carissa Embry	Bob Bennett
Mike McBride	Kendall Martin
Kendra Floyd	Jodi Cole
Isabell Claywell	Caylee Graves
Olivia Fleenor	Cora Jones
Mason Knight	Brookelynn Casey
Rachel Stewart	Kim Casey
Shelby Casey	Riki Hamilton
Olivia Pickerill	Scott Newcomb
Kolbi Sponcel	Holly Purlee
Kim Jaurequi	William Jaurequi
Luke Dean	Amy Dean
Trevor Hagan	David Sowder
Stephanie Chumbley	

### **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 5:00 p.m.

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## **Mission Statement**

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

## **Recognitions**

### A. Eastern HS Girls Basketball Team

Members of the Eastern HS Girls Basketball State Championship Team were recognized for their accomplishments. Team members include: Taylor Drury, Kolbi Sponcel, Holly Purlee, Olivia Fleenor, Rachel Stewart, Veronica Judson, Savannah Emmert, Olivia Pickerill, Erin Feller, Brookelynn Casey, Isabell Claywell, Caylee Graves, and Team Managers Riki Hamilton, Raegen Weatherford, and Maegan Weatherford.

### B. Trevor Hagan

Trevor Hagan was recognized for his accomplishments in the National Geography Bee.

### C. Caiti Kemker, William Jaurequi, McKenna Keltner

Caiti Kemker, William Jaurequi, and McKenna Keltner were recognized for their accomplishments at the District and State Solo and Ensemble Competitions for Band and Choir.

## **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

### **East Washington Elementary School Report**

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, Principal, announced that the Elementary had just finished ISTEP testing. She presented a video that the teachers had made as a celebration that the test was over. Mrs. Esarey announced that the IREAD test scores were available but were currently embargoed and would be released to the public at a later date. The elementary will be sponsoring a fundraiser called "Miles for Musketeers" to raise money to be used toward a playground renovations. Kindergarten enrollment had taken place. Mrs. Esarey was still hoping for more students to enroll in the fall. There will be an Art Fair on May 23, 2017 to benefit Jane Sizemore, Art Teacher, who is currently receiving cancer treatment. Students will prepare artwork to be judged and auctioned to help Jane with travel costs as her treatments take place in Chicago.

Mr. Jeremy Goen, Behavioral Specialist, presented a "Law of the Musketeer" PowerPoint to the board. This consists of 12 words students learn to be a successful Musketeer. This PowerPoint has been shown to all elementary school students.

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## **East Washington Middle School Report**

Mr. Tom Cullen, Asst. Principal, discussed the changes that would be made to the parent/student handbook and athletic/coaches handbooks for the 2017/18 school year. He explained the new student drug testing policy to the Board. He stated that a new paragraph concerning “hazing” had also been added.

## **Eastern High School Report**

Mr. Robert Bennett, Assistant Principal, discussed updates to the parent/student handbook for 2017/18 including a discussion of the new drug testing policy and the ME Academy of Personalized Learning.

Mr. Scott Newcomb, Athletic Director, complemented the drug policy committee for their work in creating the new drug testing policy. Mr. Newcomb reviewed changes to the Athletic and Coaches handbooks for 2017/18, which will also include the new drug testing policy.

Mr. Darin Farris, Principal, commented that drug testing policies are many times perceived in a negative way, but this is actually a positive way to help our students through prevention and rehabilitation. He wanted to make clear that the new drug testing was a measure to help kids, not to try to get them in trouble. Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, also added that the policy would also provide students a “way out” if pressured by peers to use drugs.

Mr. Farris discussed the Alternative Education Handbook (no changes), and New Course Offerings for 2017/18 (most for ME Academy). Linda McClellan inquired as to how many students must enroll in a class for it to be offered. Mr. Farris replied that 15-20 students must request the class. Mr. Farris presented the proposed plans for Summer School. Hector Nale inquired as to how many students normally participated in summer school and whether there was a need to have more computers available. Mr. Farris replied that they had not ever had to turn students away.

Mr. Farris also presented cost and schedule information for Driver’s Education. The total cost of Driver’s Education is \$310.00. Mr. Farris thanked and complemented Mr. McBride, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Cullen on the great job that they do with the Driver’s Education program.

Mr. Farris provided the Board with an update on the ME Academy for Personalized Learning. He stated that there were currently approximately 100 students signed up. The majority are signed up for English and Science. He was to meet with incoming freshman the next day. Hopefully, more students will sign up after this meeting. The school is receiving a grant to help with furniture for the ME Academy room.

Mr. Farris also complemented the maintenance and custodial departments on the amount of work that has taken place. He stated that they have done a fabulous job!

## **Transportation/Food Services Report**

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, again reiterated the need for school bus drivers. Discussion ensued about what East Washington School Corporation could do to try to attract drivers to the district.

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Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that Food Services had received a grant in the amount of \$6000.00 which will provide a computer monitoring system on the freezer and walk-in cooler temperatures. This could potentially save thousands of dollars.

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, announced that Mr. Hopkins had been selected as the Indiana Association of School Business Officials 2017 Region 10 Support Person of the Year. He will receive his award in May at the annual meeting.

## **Technology Report**

Mrs. Katie Hutchinson, Technology Director, announced that the district's first e-learning day would be Saturday, April 29, 2017. A website has been created with a help-line that will be available Friday from 3:00 pm until 10:00pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. There will also be offline alternative assignments available as well as access to assistive technology for special needs students. Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, stressed the fact that parents are not expected to teach the students. Linda McClellan, Board Secretary, asked what the teacher's responsibility would be. It will be the student's responsibility to complete the assignments and teachers will be available from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Jeff Clem inquired about parental reaction to the e-learning that has already taken place. Mrs. Hutchinson responded that parents were gracious and loved it, and there were no complaints.

## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Stockdale discussed the potential teacher retirement buyout with the Board. He had met with the eligible teachers and it seemed to be well received. He pointed out that there was no "5 Teachers must go or no one receives" stipulation as there had been in the past. He also did not want to exclude teachers who had already made the decision to retire at the end of this year. They would be "grandfathered in." He reported that two teachers would be taking advantage of this at the end of this school year.

Mr. Stockdale stated that he had not been happy with the progress of the solar and HVAC projects. He added that he had now reached out to other sources for information. Mr. Tom Durkin, HVAC Specialist, will present information at the June work session for the HVAC project. If Mr. Durkin is selected, he would serve as the designer, project manager, and general contractor and would most likely save 2 percent on the project by combining multiple services into one. Mr. Stockdale added that several area school corporations had worked with Mr. Durkin in the past with good results.

Mr. Stockdale also attended a meeting that morning with Mr. Tom Coats and Mr. Craig Martin from Johnson Melloh concerning the solar project. Mr. Craig Martin will present information at the May 8 work session. Mr. Stockdale stated that the project would need to be completed by December 31, 2017 to receive the 30 years of net metering. Mr. Tom Coats added that this was the only firm in the state of Indiana who has completed projects.

Mr. Stockdale would like to repost the RFQ for Energy Service Providers. This would be addressed later in the meeting.

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Mr. Stockdale provided an update on the lighting project. He stated that most classrooms had been finished. Dimmers still needed to be installed. The rebate would be approximately \$157,000.00. Emcor should finish by the end of May.

## **Public Comments**

## **Approval of Minutes and Executive Session**

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s):

9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)( - ) immediately following the board work session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and the Work Session of April 11, 2017 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 5-0

## **Consent Items:**

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

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 5-0

## **Personnel**

### A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

#### **Volunteers**

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Chandra Snelling as a volunteer Asst. Cheerleading Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

## **Action Items**

### A. Approval of New Course Offerings at Eastern High School

It was recommended that the Board approve the new course offerings for the 2017-18 school year as submitted by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.

After due consideration, the same were approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

### B. Approve Parent/Student Handbooks

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2017/18 Parent/Student Handbooks.

After due consideration, the same were approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

### C. Approve Alternative Education Handbook for 2017/18

It was recommended that the Board approve the Alternative Education Handbook.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

### D. Approve Athletic/Coaches Handbooks for 2017/18

It was recommended that the Board approve the Athletic/Coaches Handbooks for the MS and HS.

After due consideration, the same were approved.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Linda McClellan

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## **E. Approval of Food Services Summer Lunch Program**

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director provided information regarding the summer food program. Mr. Hopkins was requesting Board approval for the district to participate in the program again this year.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

## **F. Approval of 2017/18 School Lunch Prices**

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed price increase for 2017-18 School Lunch fees.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

## **G. Approval of Summer Athletic Calendar**

It was recommended that the Board approve the use of corporation facilities for the 2017 summer athletic programs as presented by Mr. Scott Newcomb, HS Athletic Director.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

## **H. Approval of Projected Summer School Programs**

It was recommended that the Board approve the projected summer school program for the high school as requested by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

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## **I. Approval of Driver's Education Instruction**

It was 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: Jeff Clem  
Seconded: Tom Coats  
Vote: 5-0

## **J. Approval of Teacher Retirement Incentive**

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed Teacher Retirement Incentive.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: Tom Coats  
Vote: 5-0

## **K. As Needed- 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.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 5-0

## **Board Member Comments & Committee Reports**

### **Announcements**



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## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm. The next School Board Work Session will be rescheduled. (Time and date to be announced after discussion of Board Member availability). The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

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Hector Nale, President of the Board

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Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board