

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, August 22, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

LEGAL MINUTES – August 22, 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. Donna Campbell, Admin. Secretary

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mrs. Kendra Floyd, HR Director
Ms. Jodi Cole, Treasurer

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.

Mission Statement

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

Approval of Corrected Agenda

It was recommended that the Board approve the corrected agenda as submitted.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

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School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

none

East Washington Middle School Report

none

Eastern High School Report

none

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that the route changes made this year had been successful, but that there was still a shortage of bus drivers. There was discussion about possible ways to attract drivers. Mr. Hopkins stated that East Washington bus driver pay was currently the highest in the county.

In food service, Mr. Hopkins reported that work was continuing towards making certain that PowerSchool and Mosaic were “communicating” properly with each other.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, commended the bus drivers on the great job they had been doing. He stated that he had watched bus videos for another situation and observed the care and concern that the drivers take when dropping students off at their homes.

Mr. Stockdale reported that he would like to see even more character education for our Students. He commented that each of the schools had been incorporating different character lessons such as the “Musketeeer Creed,” and “The Laws of the Musketeeer.” But, he has asked the principals to look at a national program called “Character Counts” that many schools are currently utilizing based on 6 pillars of character. He would also like to involve the community in these programs.

Concerning the beginning of school, Mr. Stockdale commented that there had been some growing pains with the PowerSchool conversion, but that progress had been made. Many great things had taken place in classrooms. He reported that teachers had been asked to step out of their comfort zones and they had responded with much success.

The corporation solar eclipse process was very successful. Students were well trained and very well behaved.

Mr. Stockdale addressed the cancellation of the public hearing. He asked the Board to communicate during the next month as to whether to move forward with the HVAC Project. Each month of delay causes extra work in postings and paperwork. If moving forward, the project must be started before 12/31/2017. HVAC will be discussed at the next work session to be held on September 12, 2017. All questions should be addressed at the work session before moving forward with a 1028 hearing. Linda McClellan, Board Secretary, stated that she had missed the last work session and asked what the alternative was if they did not proceed with the HVAC

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project. Mr. Stockdale said the alternative would be to hold off, but that the corporation would incur additional money for maintenance and repairs of the old system. Some repairs have been delayed while waiting for the new system. If the new system will not be installed, those issues would have to be addressed. This will result in other projects being delayed to divert funds into repairs of the HVAC systems. Mrs. McClellan then asked what questions caused the delay. Mr. Stockdale responded that there were concerns about the tax rate. He then discussed the methods of financing. Mr. Hector Nale, Board President, also expressed concern about the system that was proposed and felt that further research was necessary. Discussion about the system ensued and would continue at the next work session. Mr. Stockdale reported that this same type of system was used by other area schools, so the corporation could check with those schools about their satisfaction with the systems. Mrs. McClellan then inquired about what to do if it was decided that this system is not best for our corporation. Mr. Stockdale replied that "We would have to go back to the drawing board and start over." There would also be costs associated with that decision. Mr. Nale stated that he just wanted to be certain that all research had been completed before agreeing to the project. Mr. Stockdale discussed sending our maintenance crew to some of the other schools to observe their systems and reiterated that all questions and concerns be resolved by the end of the September 12th Work Session.

Mr. Stockdale reported that the fence was in place and the ground had been cleared for the Solar Project. There was a slight fence gate mishap that had been corrected. There had also been a design change so that some panels will oscillate so as not to have to be located in the drainage ditch area.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 25, 2017 and the Work Sessions of August 8, 2017 and August 14, 2017 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

Consent Items:

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

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of Annual ECA & Lunch Financial Reports

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

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Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Classified

- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Kelli Lee as Pre-school Teacher from August 30, 2017 to October 27, 2017.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Matthew Pickerill as Boys Tennis Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Nathan Teusch as 8th grade Football Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Chelsea Clark as Assistant Track Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Katelynn Barrett-Singleton as the Student Council Advisor.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Shelby Ragains as 7th grade Volleyball Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Bill Jones as MS Wrestling Coach.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Termination(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, recommended the termination of Tyler Fleming, Mechanic, effective August 14, 2017.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Shelby Nunley as a volunteer Dance Assistant.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Mike Jones as a volunteer 7th & 8th grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Taylor Branaman as a volunteer Football Assistant Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

Action Items

A. Second Reading of Policy 3220.01

It was recommended that the Board approve the second reading of Policy 3220.01

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

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B. Approval of Donation

It was recommended that the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$200 from Good Done Great (VALIC) that was received toward the cost of the beginning of the year staff meal.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Overnight/Extended Field Trips

It was recommended that the Board approve the Overnight/Extended Field Trips for FFA and the Senior Trip as submitted.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

D. Approval of Conflict of Interest Forms

It was recommended that the board approve the Conflict of Interest Forms as submitted by Kim Souder, Laura Temple, Barbara Robinson, Carlotta Spiegelhalder, Judy Hoke, Katy Singleton and Bill Lohrman

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

E. Approval of Corporation Crisis Plan

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Safety Director was in attendance at the meeting to address any questions or concerns regarding the Plan.

It was recommended that the Board approve the Corporation Crisis Plan as presented.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of Mahuron Grant Proposals

It was recommended that the Board approve the Mahuron Grant Proposals as submitted.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 5-0

G. Request for Permission to advertise 2018 Budget

It was recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise the 2018 budget.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

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H. Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution-Rainy Day

It was recommended that the Board approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution as submitted.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

I. Approval of Tax Neutrality Resolution

It was recommended that the Board approve the Tax Neutrality Resolution as submitted.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

Public Comments - none

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Theresa Gottbrath, Board Vice President, commented on the Farm Bureau meeting that she and Mr. Stockdale had attended. She said it was interesting to hear what other schools had been doing in the "Career Paths" area. Mr. Stockdale commented, "We have the resources to have a great Agriculture program."

Announcements

Yard signs with the slogan "Arrive Unknown, Become Unforgettable" have arrived. They will be sold at a price of \$15.00 each with the proceeds going to "random acts of kindness" for teachers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

Hector Nale, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board