

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION: Hector Nale, President; Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary
Dennis Stockdale Jeff Clem, member; Tom Coats, member

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

Immediately following Board Meeting

LEGAL WORK SESSION MINUTES – September 12, 2017

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. Donna Campbell, Administrative Assistant

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

The meeting was called to order.

The items discussed pertained only to the purpose for which the meeting was called.

Mr. Stockdale provided updates to the Board on the following:

1. Solar Construction – The equipment was scheduled to arrive the next day and the posts were to be set the next week. Then trenching the lines would begin and then installation of the solar panels.
2. Lighting Project – The lighting project was completed. There were a few issues with some fixtures, but the lighting company was scheduled to come in to investigate those issues. All should be covered under lighting warranty. All school lighting is now LED except the Performing Arts Center. The rebates received on the lighting project should help offset the costs of lighting for the PAC.
3. Insurance Benefit Negotiations – Anthem benefit negotiations were currently underway. The corporation could possibly see \$150,000 in savings.
4. HSA Negotiations – Mr. Stockdale has been negotiating with First Harrison concerning HSA fees for employees. First Harrison has agreed to waive HSA fees. Mr. Stockdale has also met with other banks to determine the best overall situation for East Washington School Corp.
5. Teacher Contract Negotiations – The first informal negotiation meeting was held earlier that day.

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6. Teacher Evaluation Redesign - Mr. Stockdale has a committee of teachers looking at the teacher evaluation plan. He told them that it needs to be a “growth” not “gotcha” instrument. The goal is to improve staff members, not remove them.
7. Technology Restructure – have moved some things around, and hired Jason Elrod as an East Washington School Corporation employee. Mr. Stockdale reported that the technology surveys were in, and were being evaluated. Surveys will be repeated in a few months.
8. HVAC Project – There was discussion about which type of systems would be best for the Corporation, and the timeline of when the work would be completed.
9. Budget - Mr. Stockdale reported that Budget preparation was ongoing. The process consists of waiting for the state to certify amounts, then cutting down to match those amounts.
10. Leadership Evaluation Group - Mr. Stockdale was working with FiveStar to develop models for leadership points for this unique group.
11. Staff Clinic - Mr. Stockdale reported that he had been working with Clark Memorial Hospital to create a Staff Clinic. They are looking into the possibility of leasing the old bank building in Pekin.
12. Tech E-Rate Infrastructure - More about this will be coming in the future. Mr. Don Balentine is coordinating this project.
13. Wrestling Room Renovation - The building is finished. The cage in the basement will be relocated to have room for the wrestling room. Stairs will be added to the outside.
14. Signs - Signs still need to be placed at each end of Pekin for recognizing the Girls Basketball Championship

Theresa Gottbrath discussed the abundance of corn that will be harvested and the possibility of having a fundraiser to sell the ears. She also asked that Adam Conklin and some HS AG students present at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Hector Nale, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board