

# **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, September 26, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

## **LEGAL MINUTES – September 26, 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  
Ms. Amber King, MS Principal  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mrs. Kendra Floyd, HR Director  
Ms. Jodi Cole, Treasurer

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Adam Conklin  
Ray Loucks  
Eldon Whitlow  
Trevor Hagan  
Kathryn Smith

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Call to Order Public Hearing of Additional Appropriations**

A hearing before the Board of School Trustees of East Washington School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at East Washington School Corporation, Pekin, Indiana, on September 26, 2017, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. Local Time, pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

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The hearing was called to order by the President of the Board, and the minutes of the hearing were recorded by the Secretary of the Board.

On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present:       Hector Nale, President  
                  Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President  
                  Linda McClellan, Secretary  
                  Tom Coats  
                  Jeff Clem  
Absent:         none

(Among other proceedings had and actions  
taken were the following:)

The Secretary presented to the Board proofs of publication of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of the use of certain cash to defease the School Corporation's Amended Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2004 (the "Defeasance"), which proofs of publication show that such notice was published in the Salem Leader on September 12, 2017 and in the Salem Leader on September 14, 2017.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, said proofs of publication were ordered approved and made a part of the records of this Board.

The President of the Board then stated that the Board was now ready to hear all taxpayers desiring to be heard in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in the amount of approximately \$450,000 proposed to be made on account of the Defeasance.

After hearing all taxpayers present who desired to be heard relative to said additional appropriation, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit A was adopted by a vote of 5-0. (see Action Items later in meeting)

The Superintendent stated that he had consulted the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed Defeasance. He then presented to the Board the form of resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP, and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing Defeasance.

After due consideration of the resolution, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the same was adopted and is attached hereto as Exhibit B by a vote of 5-0. (see Action Items later in meeting)

Upon motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

## **Call Meeting to Order**

President Hector Nale called the meeting to order.

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## **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

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

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal, reported that a new online speech program would be used for students in grades 3-12. An assistant would be available to help students with the online program. Mrs. Terri Prindle would conduct speech for PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

A new TeleHealth program would be in place at the elementary school next school year, and later be expanded to include middle and high school. The program would be operated in conjunction with St. Vincent Hospital. The school nurse could contact parents and ask if they would like for their kids to be seen by the video doctor at St. Vincent.

The Rhythm and Rhyme group would be performing a winter play this year instead of a concert. Student Council elections had taken place. Fitness club had begun. A new club, Tech Club, would be added this year.

### **East Washington Middle School Report**

Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal, reported on the 1:1 Chromebook program, and digital citizenship instruction. Teachers had been in Nearpod training. Mr. Troy Smith had started a Rock Band which played every morning before school. Mrs. Anna Endris had started the new technology and engineering course and there had been great feedback from parents.

In addition, Mrs. King stated that the Middle School would be competing in the Ron Clark Academy Amazing Shake competition. November 17<sup>th</sup> is round 1 of the competition. The top 4 students from each "House" will move on to Round 2. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, those 40 students would complete a job interview, deliver a toast, do a press conference, etc to work on public speaking skills. The top 4 students from Round 2 would then be able to attend the Ron Clark Academy in February 2018 for the National Amazing Shake Competition.

### **Eastern High School Report**

Mr. Adam Conklin and students, Trevor Hagan and Kathryn Smith, led a presentation about the Popcorn Patch. High school students had been involved in every stage of this project. Students had also been involved in the Little Free Library in Pekin, and the landscaping near the Performing Arts Center entrance. Many of the flowers used were from the East Washington Greenhouse. Mr. Conklin also reported that EHS had 5 teams qualify for State Competition in Soil Judging.

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, reported that the before and after school program was picking up in numbers. HS Fall activities include Band, Cross Country, Soil Judging, and Volleyball. The random drug testing program had completed 2 rounds and seemed to be running smoothly. The ME Academy students were meeting growth targets. The furniture had arrived. Various testing programs would begin in October (ECA, Accuplacer, PSAT, etc).

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## **Transportation/Food Services Report**

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that Laura Purlee and Leah Starrett would become substitute drivers as soon as they completed training. There were also new drivers that were close to completion on their training. Hector Nale, Board President, inquired as to if these new drivers would fill all of the bus routes. Mr. Hopkins replied that there may still be one route open.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that the HS cafeteria was selling ice cream 3 days per week as a means to increase lunch participation. A salad bar offering had also been discussed, but would present staffing issues that would need to be addressed.

## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, reported that the ME Academy would be planning a debate in the future. He also reported that the solar field had been started. There would also be small units available for student use and for the public to see what the solar field looks like.

Mr. Stockdale and Mr. Hector Nale would be visiting other schools to aid in determining what East Washington needs to utilize in the HVAC system.

Mr. Stockdale reported that a savings of up to \$20,000 may be seen at the end of one year of the new printer contracts that involved streamlining machines and installing key fobs on all copiers.

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

It was recommended that the board approve the Minutes from the meeting of August 22, 2017, and the meeting and work session of September 12, 2017, and the Executive Session Memos from August 22, 2017 and September 12, 2017.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 5-0

## **Consent Items:**

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

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Linda McClellan

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:

Recommendation to approve the following:

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

Certified

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Barbara Byrne as a Homebound Instructor effective upon receipt of background check.

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Shane Miller as for the part time Athletic Field mowing/maintenance position effective September 8, 2017.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Rosa Snapp as MS Academic Bowl Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Laura Purlee as MS Spell Bowl Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Whitney Smith as MS Annual/Newspaper Sponsor.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Jason Harrell as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Football Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Laura Heavner-Walton as Senior Class Sponsor.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Billy Perez as Track Assistant Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends that Adam Conklin take over as MS Girls Cross Country Coach effective September 5, 2017 due to the resignation of the Girls Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Kevin Keltner as MS Assistant Football Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Andrew Lewellen as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Coach.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends David Sowder as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Coach.

#### **POINT OF INFORMATION**

##### **Resignation(s)**

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Kristen Sapcut, High School Special Ed. Aide, effective September 15, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Lori Beasley as a Bus Driver, effective August 14, 2017.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Chelsea Cobb as Girls MS Cross Country Coach effective September 5, 2017.

##### **Volunteers**

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Shane Miller as a volunteer 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Linda McLellan

Vote: 4-0 with Theresa Gottbrath abstaining

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## **Action Items**

### A. Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution

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

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

### B. Approval of Resolution Approving Defeasance of the Amended Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2004

It was recommended that the Board approve the Resolution Approving Defeasance of the Amended Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2004 as presented.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

### C. Approval of Resolutions to Adopt 2018 Budgets, Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Plan

It was recommended that the Board approve the Resolution to Adopt 2018 Budgets, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan as advertised.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

### D. Approval of School Improvement Plans

It was recommended that the Board approve the School Improvement Plans as submitted by each building.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

### E. Donations

It was recommended that the Board approve the following donations:

\$183.57 received from JA Benefits toward the cost of the beginning of year staff lunch

\$500.00 received from Jeans Extrusions toward the cost of 9 weeks awards at EWES

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Linda McClellan

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F. As Needed

## **Public Comments**

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

Theresa Gottbrath presented a fundraising form for the popcorn sales and asked the committee members to review the form. She also asked about the possibility of getting signs made for the popcorn field telling the different types of popcorn in the field,

### **Announcements**

Greg Hopkins spoke about the 50-year celebration of Eastern HS that would take place in the spring and the possibility of having the building open on the day of the Alumni Banquet and possibly having the building open on that day to show the progression of Eastern HS.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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Hector Nale, President of the Board

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Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board