

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, October 24, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

LEGAL MINUTES – October 24, 2017

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Hector Nale, President

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:

Jess Webster
Aaron Smith
Jodi Cole

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Theresa Gottbrath led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

Vice-President Theresa Gottbrath called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mission Statement

Secretary Linda McClellan read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

none

East Washington Middle School Report

none

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Eastern High School Report

none

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that one driver had passed his skills test that day. He would be trained on a route after the drug test results are returned. Mr. Hopkins also had a report from a potential driver that would be moving to our area. This person is already licensed.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that the Elementary cafeteria would be audited in December.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, High Ability Coordinator, reported that the High Ability Grant had been submitted that day.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, distributed 3 versions of a projected 2018-19 school calendar to Board Members. He asked them to review the calendars and offer suggestions. Two of the calendars eliminate the first week of Spring Break because East Washington School Corporation will now be using e-learning days for snow make-up. This would allow the school year to begin a little later. The possibility of reducing the 4 day weekend in February to a 3 day weekend was discussed. A later student start date would allow more time for completion of the HVAC project. Mr. Stockdale stated that he would like to approve a calendar at the November or December meeting so parents would have time to plan vacations.

Mr. Stockdale reported that he had been in contact with Greg Hopkins, Asst. to the Superintendent, and Mark Olesh, HS Teacher and NHS Sponsor, about creating an Academic Wall of Fame. The community could nominate outstanding alumni of East Washington School Corporation. An area for Wall of Fame photos would be created and these people could be honored at the Homecoming football game each year.

Mr. Stockdale provided an update on the HVAC project. Several Board Members toured Brownstown Schools to view and discuss the HVAC system that has been in use there. The pros and cons of a 2-pipe versus a 4-pipe were discussed.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September, 26, 2017 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

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

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Consent Items:

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

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

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 Derrick Lewellen as an Instructional Assistant for Speech and other assignments effective October 17, 2017.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Chris Hinkle as Varsity Wrestling Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Joe Terry and Scott Stewart as Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coaches.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

Certified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Katie Hutchinson as Director of IT/Integration.

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Marsha Niccum as Elementary School 2nd shift Custodian.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Jason Harrell and Matt Pickerill as volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coaches.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

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Action Items

A. Approval of Donations

It was recommended that the Board approve the following donations:

\$500.00 donation from KennaMetal, Inc. to EWES for attendance prizes.

\$500 donation to Eastern HS from the Raymond B. Woodward Educational Fund.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of Fundraising Request Form

It was recommended that the Board approve the Fundraising Request Form as submitted.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Field Trip Request Form

It was recommended that the Board approve the Field Trip Request Form as submitted.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

D. As Needed

Vice President, Theresa Gottbrath called for a motion to bring forward discussion of the HVAC project with Emcor.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Second: Jeff Clem

Discussion ensued. Mr. Tom Coats, Board Member, asked each of the other members if they felt that this project should move forward. Mr. Coats also asked Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance if there were other systems that should be investigated before a decision was made. He said he did not think so and that the 4 Pipe systems seem to be the best option. Mr. Jeff Clem, Board Member, responded that he felt like they had done their homework and were ready for a decision. Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President, responded that she liked that this work would mean that all schools would be completed at the same time and the longer we wait, the more expensive it would become. Linda McClellan, Secretary, asked if the quote could also include the costs of doing the cafeterias in addition to the hallways and the classrooms. Mr. Stockdale responded that those costs would also be quoted and that the motion would be dependent on pricing.

Vice President, Theresa Gottbrath then called for a motion to move forward with the planning of the HVAC project with Emcor, dependent on pricing.

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Motion: Tom Coats

Second: Jeff Clem

Vote: 4-0

Public Comments

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath reported that the 4th and 5th grade would be selling popcorn from the popcorn patch. Linda McClellan reported that the EHS Musketeer Brigade had competed at the state marching band contest and placed 4th out of the 16 bands that had qualified in their division. Mr. Tom Coats reported that Brandon Sill had qualified for semi-state in cross country for 4 consecutive years. He was the first runner in school history to accomplish this task.

Mr. Tom Coats also asked for an update on the Solar Project. Mr. Stockdale that special conduit had to be ordered because they had encountered solid rock. Hopefully, the panels would begin to be set in a couple of weeks. The project manager had been taking students out on Thursdays to educate them on the solar field. The project was currently on schedule.

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 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