

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT
Dennis Stockdale

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

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 1050 N Eastern School Rd, Pekin, IN 47165

Phone: (812) 967-3926

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 3-0

President Tom Coats called the regular meeting to order.

School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, Principal, presented two students, Addyson Raley and Ava Sparkman. Addyson was recently recognized for performing the Heimlich maneuver on Ava when she was choking on a potato chip in the cafeteria at the elementary. The Board praised Addyson for her quick thinking and saving her friend.

Mrs. Esarey then introduced Mr. Jeremy Goen. Mr. Goen spoke to the Board about the new MakerSpace STEM program at the elementary. He used a PowerPoint presentation to show the Board the exciting things happening in the class. Mrs. Esarey added that parent as well as students were very excited about this class.

East Washington Middle School Report

Mrs. Amber King, Principal, addressed the Board concerning the middle school improvement plan that would be presented for approval later in the meeting. She said that the application for the "Schools to Watch" program would serve as the school's improvement plan. The middle school staff had all worked hard on this plan. The application must be submitted by October 1st. A decision should be returned by mid to late November as to whether the middle school would be moving on to the next step in the process which would be a visit from a Schools to Watch team to observe the implementation of the items in the application.

Eastern High School Report

Mr. Darin Farris, Principal, addressed the Board about the high school improvement plan which included 3 goals: attendance, ISTEP goals, and graduation. An immediate goal to work on was students completing and turning in assignments. The plan is a 3-year plan with modifications each year.

Mr. Farris also announced that the manufacturing class had completed the keychain project and would be selling keychains at the football game on Friday.

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that there was now a need for drivers. One driver was leaving Friday, and another might be leaving. Mr. Hopkins commended all of the drivers for the care and concern the show for their students on a daily basis.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that all was well with Food Service. The verification process was about to begin.

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Buildings and Grounds Report

Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance, reported that the elementary HVAC project was 99% complete. The system was being fine-tuned. Savings from the project allowed 4 other items to be completed.

1. The rooftop unit was replaced to provide cooling to the kitchen area.
2. Water heaters and water softeners were installed
3. Fire Alarm system was upgraded
4. Renovation of the gym – painting would take place over fall break and bleachers and the floor would be renovated in the spring.

Mr. Smith stated that they were still working on the HS/MS HVAC design. This would take another 4-5 weeks.

Technology Report

Mrs. Amy Dean, Technology Director, informed the Board that ISTEP Readiness testing had been completed. NWEA testing at the elementary had gone well; there was a slight bug at the middle school, but this had been fixed. Five Star Technology had completed an Impact Analysis at the elementary and middle school so far. All software was up and running.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Stockdale was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Mrs. Kendra Floyd, HR Director, addressed the Board about the new on-site Schneck Medical Clinic available to employees and their dependents. The clinic would be open 3 days per week in the HS clinic space and provide care and some prescription medicines. Each employee would have to pay an annual \$50.00 fee for use of the clinic for their family.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2018 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

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Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 3-0

Consent Items:

A. Approval of Claims

It was recommended that the Board approve Payroll Check # 5438, Vendor Claims # 11731 to and including # 11840 and Direct Deposit Advices # 57832 to and including # 58296.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 3-0

Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

Certified

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Mike Snow as a Homebound Instructor.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Newcomb, AD, recommends Leah Starrett as an Assistant Volleyball Coach during Samantha Green's maternity leave.
- ✓ Mr. Newcomb, AD, recommends Josh Green as Boys Varsity Assistant Coach.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by, Middle School Aide, Andrea Carty effective September 21, 2018.

Termination(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, reported the elimination of Devin Combs position as an IT Tech, due to the outsourcing of IT systems to Five Star.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, reported the non-renewal of Jason Elrod's contract due to the outsourcing of IT systems to Five Star.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Newcomb, AD, recommends Cameron Smith and Ray Weatherford as Volunteer Boys Basketball Assistant Coaches.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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Action Items

A. Approval of School Improvement Plans

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

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 3-0

B. Approval of Donations

It was recommended that the Board approve the donations as submitted.

Kenna Metals - \$1750.00 for Accelerated Reader subscriptions for grades 2, 3, and 4

Jean's Extrusions - \$500.00 for Accelerated Reader subscriptions for grades 2, 3, and 4

First Harrison Bank - \$500.00 for Accelerated Math at East Washington Elementary

American Fidelity - \$1010.25 for beginning of year staff meal.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 3-0

C. Approval of Mahuron Grant Proposals

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

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 3-0

D. Approval of Fuel Supplier

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, recommended the acceptance of Riley Oil to supply fuel to the corporation for the 2018/19 school year.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Hector Nale

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E. Approval of Fundraiser

It was recommended that the Board approve the EHS Dance Team fundraiser as submitted.

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Seconded: Hector Nale

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F. As Needed

Public Comments

Mrs. Missy Pickerill was recognized by the Board and commented that she would be unable to attend the public athletic meeting the following night due to Boys Tennis Sectionals. She was concerned that no tennis parents would be at the meeting to represent tennis and that a move to the PLAC conference would mean the end of the tennis program as many of the schools in that conference do not have tennis. Hector Nale, Board member, explained that no decision would be made at the public meeting on September 26th. The meeting was only to hear public comments. The Board had asked the athletic department for a complete evaluation of all athletics. This then led to discussions about conference options. Tom Coats, Board President, commented that the Board wanted data to be able to decide what is best for all students. This is the goal in the classroom as well as for athletics. Ms. Pickerill asked the Board about a timeline for this process. Theresa Gottbrath, Board member, commented that it would be a 2-5-year process. Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, responded that the meeting would be recorded for clarification. Mr. Greg Hopkins, Assistant to the Superintendent, commented that people need to understand that this would be simply fact finding at this point. Mrs. Pickerill then asked if it was possible for the corporation to be in multiple conferences. Mr. Farris responded that it would be dependent on the bylaws of each conference. Mr. Coats ended by saying that he had attended the senior night tennis match and was very impressed with Mr. Heldman's program. The rest of the board as well as the public agreed that Mr. Heldman was a great asset to the school as well as the tennis program.

Mrs. Christina McGinnis was then recognized by the Board. She served on the popcorn patch committee and provided an update on the Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkin patch had been opened to the public after all students had received pumpkins. The public night at the pumpkin patch was a great success.

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Theresa Gottbrath commented that a video about the pumpkin patch would be available at a later date.

Announcements

none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 3-0

Tom Coats, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board