

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, November 27, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 1050 N Eastern School Rd, Pekin, IN 47165

Phone: (812) 967-3926

LEGAL MINUTES – November 27, 2018

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Guests

NEWS MEDIA:

NEWSPAPER

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent
Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal
Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal
Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Admin. Secretary

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Kendra Floyd
Holly Drury
Christina McGinnis

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Coats led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Tom Coats called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

Vice-President Jeff Clem read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, Principal stated that the Fitness Club had recently visited stores in Clarksville and Salem to request donations for the playground. The students did a fantastic job. Mrs. Esarey informed the Board that the

Rhythm and Rhyme concert would take place on December 4th. The annual holiday party would take place next Friday after school.

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East Washington Middle School Report

Mrs. Amber King, Principal, updated the Board concerning the recent Parent Tech Night. Mrs. King said that attendance was lower than she would like, but that the video recording had been viewed 804 times on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Teachers had received NWEA and Pearson Math training. Several teachers would be visiting the Ron Clark Academy as well.

The elementary and middle school had been awarded a STEM grant for grades K-6. East Washington was one of only fourteen schools to receive the grant. Mr. Stockdale added that East Washington had the opportunity to become the 1st STEM certified elementary school in the area.

Mrs. King updated the Board on the Schools to Watch program. The packet had been submitted and EWMS had been chosen to move to the next round which would be a school visit. A Schools to Watch team had been scheduled to observe EWMS on December 4, 2018. Only 14 schools in the state have been awarded the schools to watch distinction.

Round 1 of the Amazing Shake had just been completed. The top 40 students would compete in Round 2 at Cornerstone Hall on December 13, 2018. Mrs. King thanked Mr. Farris for allowing high school students to help with this competition.

Eastern High School Report

Mr. Darin Farris, Principal, stated that ISTEP retesting for Juniors and Senior had begun. Students had received a high level of remediation thus far this year to aid in passing ISTEP. Also, 62 seniors had taken the ASVAB test and 42 of them had received a score high enough to use in the new Graduation Pathways. The ASVAB will be offered again in the spring. Mr. Farris told the Board that he would be presenting more details about the components of the new pathways at upcoming board meetings.

Mr. Mike McBride had started using the new archery equipment in PE classes. The class is very structured and detailed for safety purposes. The goal would be to possibly have an archery team in the future.

High School teachers had also received Pearson Math training and were using the new program.

The EHS football department had been selected as one of 18 finalists to possibly receive \$25,000 in football helmets through the Indianapolis Colts helmet program. Each school will receive at least \$1000. The \$25,000 winner will be selected through a random drawing.

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, stated that transportation needs had been steady. This year has seen lots of students needing specialized routes.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, informed the Board that he had applied for a grant to receive two refrigerated vending machines. If granted, students would be able to utilize their lunch fund to receive healthy meals and snacks when staying after school for practices.

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Buildings and Grounds Report

Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance, stated that the HS/MS HVAC project would begin in December. The goal was to have the least amount of disruption to the school day as possible. Water softeners were to be installed at the elementary the following day. Floor painting would begin later in the week. Mr. Smith reported that \$203,979 had been saved in maintenance and custodial departments since January.

Technology Report

None

Superintendent Report

Mr. Stockdale requested that the January 22 meeting be moved to Monday, January 21, 2018 due to a conflict with NSBA board member training. Board members agreed to the change.

Mr. Stockdale reported that the 1782 notice had arrived. The corporation's assessed valuation had decreased by 15 million. The tax rate would be set at \$1.03. Flexibility of the new state operations funding as well as departmental savings would be used to meet goals. Mr. Stockdale stated that business growth in the community as well as new housing growth was needed to help increase the corporation's assessed value.

Mr. Stockdale informed the board of new procedures that would be put in place on a trial basis for 2-hour delayed school days. Parents would be allowed to bring their students to school at the normal time, if necessary. Students would be supervised by Instructional Assistants until the start of the 2-hour delayed school day. Breakfast would be available for purchase.

Iris Zinser had been named as the winner of the Superintendent for a Day contest. This would take place in early December and would involve a tour of the three buildings and lunch with the Superintendent.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

The minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 23, 2018 and the Work Session of November 13, 2018 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Jeff Clem
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath
Vote: 5-0

Consent Items:

A. Approval of Claims

It was recommended that the Board approve Vendor Claims #11927 to and including #12019 and Direct Deposit Advices #58777 to and including #59262.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 5-0

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 Emily Galloway as Homebound Instructor for the remainder of the first semester.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Cameron Smith as the Boys C-Team Basketball Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Cullen, MS Athletic Director, recommends Mike Jones as 5th Boys Basketball Coach.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignations

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Jeremy Goen, ES Instructional Assistant, effective December 21, 2018.

Transfers

- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends transferring Jeff Pennington from the MS to the ES as the ED Teacher effective December 3, 2018.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Nathan Teusch and Luke Terry as Volunteer Wrestling Coaches.
- ✓ Mr. Newcomb, HS Athletic Director, recommends Michael Martin as a Volunteer MS Assistant Wrestling Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Newcomb, HS Athletic Director, recommends Chris Whitfield as a Volunteer HS Assistant Track Coach.

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Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Linda McClellan
Vote: 5-0

Action Items

A. Approval of 2019/20 School Calendar

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2019/20 School Calendar as submitted.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of Donation

It was recommended that the Board approve a donation to East Washington Elementary School from Grand Canyon University in the amount of \$414.30 to be used for whiteboards.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath
Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Grant

It was recommended that the Board approve a *generationOn Indiana* Grant in the amount of \$250.00 as submitted by Kate Jones.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Linda McClellan
Vote: 5-0

D. As Needed -none

Public Comments - none

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath informed the board that Mr. Troy Smith had requested that Board members attend a tour of his classroom.

Announcements

An announcement was made that there would be no work session in December.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Jeff Clem
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 5-0

Tom Coats, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board