

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2022 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Maggie VanderWilt, Breanne Butler, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring and Jay Stanish, and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, AD Matt Thompson, Director of Learning Sherri Walker, and visitors. Absent: Marc Anderson.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jared Cook with the reading of the mission statement “Embracing today’s challenges, preparing for tomorrow’s world.”

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle presented 2 additional bills to the board from Agvantage FS for \$4,519.70 for fuel and Bank of America for \$3,733.49 for Revenue Bond interest. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, December regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: a staff recommendation for Anisa Smith as high school special ed para.

Public Report Time

AD Matt Thompson spoke to the board on the possibility of cooperatively sharing soccer with IF/A. He stated there were 2 or 3 students that he knew of who were interested. He informed the board both schools must agree and this could possibly cause IF/A to move up a class so they may not be interested. He also noted we would not host any activities.

5th grade parent Donna Cretin spoke on bullying and fighting in the district and the consequences. She stated one student seemed to be targeting several students and it is the school’s responsibility for her son’s well being.

Discuss/Action Resolution on At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan

Board Secretary Bierle informed the board the proposed uses are the same as previous years: counselor salaries, academic and behavioral intervention instruction, hub student success center coordinator, and school social worker. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan for 2022-23 School Year. Voting in favor: Cook, LaVelle, VanderWilt, Butler, Stanish, and Herring. Opposed: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Request to SBRC for At-Risk/Dropout Modified Supplemental Amount

Board Secretary Bierle reminded the board that the supplemental amount is formula driven and we want to request the maximum amount possible. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2022-23 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$192,274 for expenditures necessary to implement at-risk and dropout prevention program plans as approved by the Eldora-New Providence CSD school board. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Board Policy 403.7 Employee Vaccination/Testing for COVID 19

The board was presented with correspondence from Ahlers Cooney Attorneys stating they are advising that employers impacted by the OSHA ETS may reasonably choose to pause any further action to comply with or implement the federal OSHA ETS at this time. The Iowa OSHA issued a statement stating that it would not adopt or enforce the federal OSHA ETS that is currently the subject of litigation before the US Supreme Court. With this information the board chose to table this action. Emily Herring noted she has spoken with several families and it would be greatly appreciated if the school district and board would show some good faith efforts that some form of mitigation was suggested.

Discuss/Action Suspension of Board Policy 403.7 Employee Vaccination & Testing for COVID-19 whenever legally able to according to Board Policy 209.4 Suspension of Policy

Since no action was taken on Board Policy 403.7 it is not necessary to suspend it so this item was tabled as well.

Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

Board Secretary Bierle noted there are no new proposed ESSER expenditures this month.

Motion by Breanne Butler seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the ESSER Plan as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss New Iowa School Leadership Standard #1: Mission, Vision, and Core Value

Standard 1 States: Educational leaders develop, advocate, and enact a shared mission, vision, and core values of high-quality education and academic success and well-being of each student.

Director Walker noted leaders uphold vision, mission, and core values in many ways including the Leaders of Learning Team. Elementary Principal Henrichs noted his Building Leadership Team is comprised of PLC leaders. At the elementary standards and aligning curriculum follow CORE values and are student centered. High School Principal Rundall noted several teams align to develop vision and goals including: BLT, Student LT, CTE steering committee, and special ed. They look at data and embrace conversations about practices and content noting standard of growth brings changes.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs noted report cards will be going out by email, there are several new students in the elementary since count day, and the elementary is very close to picking a new reading curriculum for next year. Mr. Rundall stated the new semester started with a team/relationship building day at the high school. He felt the first semester ending before Christmas break went well, he thanked the board for the extra PD time on January 3rd, and noted February would bring department meetings and course offerings for 2022-23.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular/joint meeting will be on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Hardin High School Media Center in Eldora.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.