

MINUTES OF THE EAST UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 2024

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Carol Eckels at 6:30 pm in the Collaborative Learning Center. Present were board members Jamie Buffington and Sam McKnight. Adam Tallmon and Amber Tate were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tim Kuehl and School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum.

McKnight made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Buffington. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Twenty minutes were set aside for public comments, with a three-minute limit per speaker. However, no one chose to address the board.

Buffington made the motion to approve the acceptance of the bench donated to the district in memory of Gerald Olson, to be placed near the softball field. Seconded by McKnight. Motion carried 3-0.

The following items were approved under the consent agenda, with a motion by McKnight and a second by Buffington. The motion carried 3-0:

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2024.

**Financial Reports and Invoices:** Approval of financial reports and invoices.

**Staff Resignations:**

Clarissa McCollough – Concessions Manager  
Karla Weland – Elementary Paraprofessional

**Staff Contracts/Letters of Assignment:**

Dennis Cheers – Sub Driver  
Tanner Edwards – Sub Driver  
Alex Kalbach – Secondary PE/Health Teacher (\$23,750)  
Shannon McMillen – Concessions Manager (\$2,133)  
Kaylin Lack – JH Girls' Basketball Coach (\$2,133)

**Open Enrollment Requests:**

1 Ninth-Grade Student (Out to Creston)  
1 First-Grade Student (Out to Creston)

**Out-of-State/Overnight Trip Approvals:**

High School East Union Art Club field trip to Kansas City, April 25-27, 2025  
Middle School Art Club field trip to Cedar Rapids, May 2, 2025

**Fundraisers:** Approval of upcoming fundraising activities.

**Contracts:** Approval of officials.

Board Reports were then presented:

**Elementary Principal:** Principal Gordan provided an update on recent activities and events at the elementary school.

**Secondary Principal:** Principal Riley shared news related to both staff and students.

**School Business Official:** Rhiannon Tessum provided a report on business office updates.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Kuehl discussed various district matters.

**Board Member Reports:** No additional reports were presented by board members.

**Enrollment Update:** Over the past two years, our enrollment has decreased by 20-35 students. However, this year we are in a much better position, with an increase in resident students and only a slight decrease of 4.8 in the total number of students served.

McKnight made the motion to approve the FFA East Union Chapter to travel and attend the National Convention in Indianapolis. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried 3-0.

Buffington made the motion to approve the quote from SchoolFix for \$10,880.26 to replace the partitions in the secondary boys' bathrooms. Seconded by McKnight. Motion carried 3-0.

Vice President Eckels inquired about the pros and cons of the four-day school week. Superintendent Kuehl provided a response, and there were no further communications or correspondence on the matter nor any others.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Regular Board Meeting, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Regular Board Meeting, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm – Will be moved to earlier in the week

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm following a motion by McKnight seconded by Buffington and unanimously approved, 3-0.

Adam Tallmon, Board President  
Pending Approval

Rhiannon Tessum, Board Secretary