MINUTES OF THE EAST UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2023

Board President Sam McKnight called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Collaborative Learning Center, Adam Tallmon, Jamie Buffington, and Carol Eckels answered roll call. Absent was Ben Clear. Also, present were Superintendent Tim Kuehl and School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum.

Motion by Eckels to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Tallmon. Motion carried 4-0.

Welcome to Visitors – *Forms are provided to facilitate public comments to the board. These forms are located in the boardroom and should be given to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the Regular Meeting. During this Public Comment portion of the agenda, the board may receive comments on items that are not on the agenda. If a member of the public wishes to speak on an agenda item, the Board will hear their comments when that item is addressed. Twenty minutes are allotted for public comments either now or further in the meeting with a 3-minute time limit per person, if needed. The board may choose to extend this time if they wish, but that is a board decision. The board does not need to respond to any comments made. All parties are reminded that public comment specific to any employee is not appropriate in an open meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to visit directly with employees and/or administrators to resolve their concerns.*

Motion by Tallmon to approve the following consent agenda. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 4-0.

- Minutes
  - Regular Board Meeting – October 16, 2023
- Financial Reports
- Invoices
- Resignations
  - Rhonda Driskill – Assistant Girls Track Coach
  - Kaci Kious – Assistant High School Softball Coach
- Employment Contract Approvals
  - Robert Dike – Bus Driver ($11,466 remainder of the school year)
  - Kacie Ripperger – Secondary Teacher ($41,347 pending FY25 wage computations)
  - Rhonda Driskill – Assistant Boys Track Coach ($2,333)
  - Nate McCollough – Assistant Boys Basketball ($2,133)
- Open Enrollment
  - 1 – 1st - In – Creston
  - 2 – 5th - Out – Creston
  - 2 – 10th - Out – Creston
  - 1 – 7th – Out – Creston
  - 1 – 8th - Out – Creston
  - 1 – 11th - Out – Cam/ICA
- Out of State/Overnight Trips
  - FFA – Denver Trip
- Fundraisers
- Contract Approvals
  - Girls Wrestling Agreement with Creston CSD and Lenox CSD
  - 3 Mile Lake Lodge Contract – Prom

Motion by Tallmon at 6:03pm to adjourn the meeting of the retiring board. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Secretary/School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum called the Organizational Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:04 pm in the Collaborative Learning Center, Sam McKnight, Adam Tallmon, Jamie Buffington, Amber Tate and Carol Eckels answered roll call. Also, present was Superintendent Tim Kuehl.

Review took place of the Official Report of Votes.

Oath of Office to Newly Elected Members was administered by the current Board Secretary Tessum to McKnight, Tallmon, Eckels, Tate and Buffington.

Motion by McKnight to nominate Adam Tallmon as Board President. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to nominate Carol Eckels as Board Vice President. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve that the Board appoint School Business Official, Rhiannon Tessum, as School Board Secretary and School Board Treasurer. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Buffington to approve setting the Regular Board Meetings to the third Monday of each month starting at 6pm. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve the remaining agenda. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Reports were presented.

Elementary Principal Gordon reported:

- Conference Attendance
- Fall Fun
- PBIS and AR Celebrations
- Professional Development
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- PTO Costume Ball
- Tutoring Time

- Shining Stars
- Celebrating our School
- Upcoming Events

Secondary Principal Meiners:

- Staff Updates
- Student Updates
- Principal Notes
- Athletics
- Upcoming Dates

Superintendent Kuehl Reported:

- Staff Survey for four-day school week
- IASB Work Session

School Business Official Tessum reported:

- State Reports Due
- Ending Calendar Year
- Line-Item Budget Review

Board Members

- Ribbon Cutting for Infant Toddler House

Review of annual board policies, 403.3 Communicable Diseases, 403.4 Hazardous Chemicals, 406.1 Licensed Emp. Compensation, 406.4 Lic Emp. Comp - Extra Duty, 412.1 Classified Emp. Comp , 501.5 Attendance Center Assignment, 503.3 Fines, Fees, Charges, 503.3R1 Student Fee Waiver/Reduction Procedures, 505.5 Graduation Requirements, 505.8 Parental Involvement, 506.1 Education Records Access, 506.2 Student Directory Information, 507.2 Administration of Medication to Students, 507.3 Communicable Diseases, 507.8 Student Special Health Services, 507.9 Wellness, 600 Goals and Objectives Educational Programs, 601.1 School Calendar, 601.2 School Day, 605.3 Objection to Instructional Materials, 605.4 Technology & Instructional Material, 606.1 Class Size, 606.6Insufficient Classroom space, 607.2 Student Health Services, 703.1 Budget Planning, 704.2 Debt Management, 707.3 Publ of Financial Reports, 707.5 Internal Controls, 708 School District Records, 710.1 School Nutrition Program, 711.3 Student Transportation for Extra-curricular activities, 711.4 Summer school program Transportation, 711.5 Transportation of Non-Resident and Non-public School Students, 804.1 Facilities Inspections, 804.2 District Emergency Ops Plan, 804.4 Asbestos Containing Material.

Motion by McKnight to recommend that the Board approve School Business Official, Rhiannon Tessum, along with Board President Adam Tallmon as those authorized to sign for the district. The signatures per bank accounts are: General, Management, PPEL, SAVE, Capital Projects, Nutrition, and Activity Funds; and per other financial institutions include UMB Bank and ISJIT. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Eckels to continue to utilize the Afton Star Enterprise as the official newspaper of the district. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to continue to utilize Ahler's & Cooney, P.C. as the board's legal counsel for the coming school year. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve continuing to utilize First National Bank, UMB Bank and ISJIT as the official financial depository up to the amount of $10,000,000. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Buffington to appoint the building principal and Human Resource Officer as the Level I investigators and the Union County Sherriff as Level II investigator. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Buffington to appoint Superintendent Tim Kuhel, Secondary Principal Bill Meiners and Elementary Principal Joan Gordon as the administrators to serve as the administrative portion of the Teacher Quality Committee. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to nominate Adam Tallmon as the East Union Board of Directors County Conference Board Representative. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to nominate Tallmon and Buffington as the East Union Board of Directors Facility Committee members. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Eckels to approve the following coordinators as listed: Equity Coordinator – School Business Official and Human Resource Officer Rhiannon Tessum, Homeless Coordinator – Counselor Sara Thompson, 504 Coordinator – Secondary Principal Bill Meiners and Elementary Principal Joan Gordon, and Asbestos Coordinator Maintenance Director Mike Nelson. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve the authorization to stamp contracts to sporting events and/or emergency manual warrants with the Board President's signature stamp to Rhiannon Tessum (School Business Official) and Dawn Arnold (Superintendent/Activities Secretary). Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Application for Maximum One-Time Funding Modified Supplemental Amount for Open Enrollment out students not counted on last year's count in the amount of $53.618.52 and the Maximum MSA request for EL Instruction beyond 5 years for $1,603.35. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Buffington to approve SBO to reallocate direct deposits for all funds of the district to ISJIT and to move funds to FNB when needed to cover expenses from the accounts. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve the bid from Anchor Walls to repair the walls inside the locker room hallways for a project completion amount of $12,056.40 PPEL or SAVE funds. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kuehl discussed with the Board the possibility of bidding out the athletic fields and possibly the entire grounds. Summer is a busy time for the maintenance crew, the teacher who previously did most of the mowing would prefer not to and utilizing student workers was hit and miss.

Communication/Correspondence/Comments

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed.

- Regular Board Meeting, December 18, 2023 at 6:00pm
- Regular Board Meeting, January 15, 2024 at 6:00pm

Goal 1: Growth & Achievement Goal 2: Engaging Partnerships Goal 3: Optimal Climate (Culture) Goal 3: Quality Staff Goal 3: Resources

Motion by McKnight to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Adam Tallmon, Board President   Rhiannon Tessum, Board Secretary

Pending Approval