

MINUTES OF THE EAST UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2024

Board President Adam Tallmon (by phone) called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:02pm in the Collaborative Learning Center Sam McKnight (via phone), Amber Tate and Carol Eckels answered roll call. Absent was Jamie Buffington. Also present was Superintendent Tim Kuehl and School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum.

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

School Board Picture is tabled to January Meeting.

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.

Hannah Jackson turned in a sheet to speak on item 10 – School Safety and item 16 – Four Day school week.

Gary Clear turned in a sheet to speak on all agenda items.

Board Reports were presented.

Elementary Principal Gordan reported:

- Professional Development
- Virtual Learning
- PBIS & AR Celebrations
- PTO News
- Beyond the Blizzard
- Celebrating our School

Secondary Principal Meiners:

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

School Business Official Tessum reported:

- Current State reporting
- New Budget Planning Process

Superintendent

- Snow Days
- Legislative Information
- Teacher Salaries

Board Members

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

- ❖ Minutes
 - December 19, 2023
- ❖ Financial Reports
- ❖ Invoices
- ❖ Staff Resignations
- ❖ Staff Contract/Letter of Assignment Approval
 - Aubrey Hansen – moving from JH Softball to High School Softball Assistant (\$2,333)
 - Kaylin Lack – High School Softball Assistant (\$2,133)
 - Maddie Simmons – High School Assistant Girls Track (\$2,133)
- ❖ Open Enrollment Request
 - 1 – 8th, OUT to Winterset
- ❖ Out of State / Overnight Trip
- ❖ Fundraisers
- ❖ Contracts

Motion by Tate be it RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of EAST UNION community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Eckels to enter the public hearing for the approval of the construction bids for the proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the proposed EAST UNION CSD – EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PROJECT at 5:31pm. Seconded by McKnight. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Eckels to leave the public hearing at 5:34pm. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion to place over the Early Childhood Center Project Construction Bids. Motion by Eckels to table the approval of bids for another meeting. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion to place of School Safety with a presentation from Bryan St. Bernard from Zero Eyes, a detection software addition to our cameras to heighten security. Motion by Eckels to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Hannah Jackson spoke on School Safety. Asking what the process was on people coming into the district and if they get ID with a visitors badge.

Motion by Tate to approve the presented quote for the mural in the auditorium using ASPIRE More Funds. Of \$9,600. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Tate to approve the hourly staff to use leave days that they have remaining to cover days missed in January due to inclement weather if they choose to. Seconded by Eckels. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McKnight to approve the mowing bid for the athletic facilities from Mike's Services for \$5,040 for the mowing season of 2024. This was the low bid for the season. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Eckels to approve Superintendent Tim Kuehl to approve and sign all Special Educational Contracts from other LEA's. Seconded by Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Eckels to approve the Naloxone Supply and Administration for Opioid Overdose Policy as presented, waiving the first reading. Seconded by McKnight. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion took place over the Four Day School Week. If we want to move forward with the process, I'd suggest: - Share draft calendars, research site, and an FAQ about sports, pay, etc. - Hold a community forum in February - Re-survey students, families, and staff - Look to approve a 24-25 calendar in March. We should also consider how the likely pay jump from the legislature impacts our thinking about this topic.

Hannah Jackson spoke on the four-day school week and presented information that has the effects of the four-day school week on school compositions from a Brown University study.

Gary Clear spoke on the four-day school week about the feeling he gets from community members. Concerned about the younger students in a four-day school week. He's not so sure that this four-day school week would be as helpful as we think. He asked the board to keep an open mind.

Superintendent Kuehl asked the board if they would like to keep exploring, the board decided to keep exploring to look at some more data before a decision is made.

Communication/Correspondence/Comments

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed.

- 1. Special Board meeting February 7 2024 at 5:30pm
- 2. Regular Board Meeting: February 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm
- 3. Regular Board Meeting: March 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm

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 Tate. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Adam Tallmon, Board President Rhiannon Tessum, Board Secretary
Pending Approval