

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

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Adam Tallmon at 5:30 pm in the Collaborative Learning Center. Board members Amber Tate, Jamie Buffington, and Carol Eckels answered roll call. Sam McKnight was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tim Kuehl and School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum.

Eckels motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tate. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

During the Public Comments to the Board section, documents were provided to facilitate public comments. Twenty minutes were allotted for public comments, with a three-minute time limit per person.

Board Reports were then presented:

- ECC Director Hardy and ECC Assistant Director reported on various matters, including IQ4K Level 3 Rating, DHHS licensing visit, and upcoming events.
- Elementary Principal Gordan provided updates on recent events and activities at the elementary level.
- Secondary Principal Meiners shared updates on staff and student-related matters.
- School Business Official Tessum reported on the certified budget.
- Superintendent reported on various matters including legislation, funding, assessor valuations, and ECC progress update on the Infant Toddler Center

Under the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

- Minutes from February 19, 2024, and March 6, 2024
- Financial Reports
- Invoices
- Staff Resignations
  - Greta Anderson - secondary Teacher - effective March 7, 2024
  - Chad Needham - Assistant Football
  - Lydia Fariss - Secondary Teacher, Yearbook Advisor - effective 6/30/24
- Contracts/Letter of Assignment Approvals
  - Christopher Case – Special Ed Driver
- Open Enrollment Requests
- Out of State/Oversight Trips
- Fundraisers
- Contracts

The Board deliberated on calendar options and scheduled a second public forum. Board President Adam Tallmon emphasized the importance of the forum, noting that the board had obtained accurate data from the second survey. He suggested structuring the forum differently, with individuals signing in to speak and having allocated time to address the board. Vice President Eckels emphasized the need to clarify the results of the survey, particularly regarding the ECC part. Member Buffington discussed potential enhancements to community programs on days off, such as 4H and FFA. Further discussions ensued on workplace learning opportunities on non-school days. Member Tate concurred with the need for another structured forum and the board agreed to hold it on March 27, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Eckels motioned to approve several presented policies, waiving the requirement for the first reading and granting approval under the second reading. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

Eckels motioned to reschedule the second public hearing to April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Collaborative Learning Center, seconded by Buffington and was approved unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

The exempt session for negotiations was tabled to next month with a motion by Eckels, seconded by Buffington, and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

Under Communication/Correspondence/Comments, there were no reports.

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed:

1. Public Hearing March 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm
2. Public Forum on School Calendar March 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm
3. Public Hearing April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm
4. Regular Board Meeting: April 16, 2024 at 6:45 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm with a motion by Eckels, seconded by Tate, and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

Adam Tallmon, Board President  
Pending Approval

Rhiannon Tessum, Board Secretary