

MINUTES OF THE EAST UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2024

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

McKnight motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Eckels. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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. No one in attendance wished to speak.

Art Club sponsor Sheresse Buzard and several members gathered to deliver a presentation to the board detailing the enriching trips they embarked on this school year. High school art club members, accompanied by some art class students, ventured to St. Louis for a three-day, three-night excursion. Alleah Cunningham eloquently shared insights from this journey. Additionally, Angie and Yelena Garcia represented the Junior High contingent, presenting their experiences from a day trip to Des Moines. We extend our gratitude to the Conover Grant for its invaluable support in covering a portion of the trip expenses.

Board Reports were then presented:

- 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 updates on Business Office matters.
- Superintendent reported on various matters including Staff Openings and ECC progress update on the Infant Toddler Center

Under the consent agenda, the following items were approved with a motion by Tate seconded by McKnight. Motion carried 5-0:

- Minutes from May 7, 2024 and April 16, 2024
- Financial Reports
- Invoices
- Staff Resignations
 - Kim Gladfelder - Elementary Paraprofessional
 - Bill Meiners - Secondary Principal
 - Carmalee Woods - High School Volleyball Coach
 - Rakenzy Pryor - Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
 - Suzy Hardisty - Assistant ECC Director - moving back full time ECC Teacher
 - Laura Guhse - Elementary Teacher
- Contracts/Letter of Assignment Approvals
 - Layla Lopez - Paraprofessional (\$13)
 - Kristina Dike - Special Education Driver (\$16.80)
 - Andrea Clear - Special Education Driver (\$16.80)
 - Cole Ripperger - Substitute Bus Driver (\$60.64 per trip)
 - Zach Clear - Substitute Bus Driver (\$60.64 per trip)
 - John Walsh - Substitute Bus Driver (\$60.64 per trip)
 - Rich Byrson - Substitute Bus Driver (\$60.64 per trip)
 - Heather Comstock - Elementary Teacher (\$60,000)
 - Lindsay Eklund - Assistant ECC Director (\$50,000)
 - DJ Christensen HS Teacher, FLBA Sponsor, Yearbook Sponsor \$47,500, plus Yearbook Sponsor
 - Adjustment to Sara Thompson - typo 5% on \$52,498 contract for 2024-2025 should have been \$55,123.
 - Head HS Girls Wrestling : Josephine Wearmouth \$3910
 - JH Girls Wrestling : Josephine Wearmouth \$2133
 - Head Boys High School Track : Josephine Wearmouth \$3910
- Open Enrollment Requests
 - 2023-2024 School Year
 - 1 - 9th, OUT to Nodaway Valley
 - 1 - 2nd, OUT to Murray
 - 1 - 8th, OUT to Murray
 - 1 - 10, OUT to Winterset
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - 3 - Kdg, OUT to Murray
 - 1 - TK, IN from Creston
 - 1 - Kdg, IN from Creston
 - 1 - 1st, OUT to Creston
- Out of State/Overnight Trips
 - Baseball trip to the College World Series in Omaha, 6/15/24
- Fundraisers
- Contracts
 - iJAG memorandum of Understanding
 - Vista Iowa Agreement
 - 2024-2025 Athletic Trainer Contract - GRH
 - Title I Expenditure of \$19,747.20 for TK-5 differentiated literacy materials.
 - Curriculum Associates quote of \$15,477.30 (Title I pays for \$7999 of this.)

McKnight made the motion to approve the quote from Beebee's Sprots Floors in the amount of \$24,773.43, seconded by Buffington and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Tate made the motion to approve the utilization of the schools transportation fleet for the East Union Summer School Program, seconded by McKnight and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Eckels made the motion to approve the presented Affirmative Action Plan, seconded by McKnight and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Buffington motioned to approve the proposal for a supplemental contract adjustment, aimed at increasing funding for Prom Sponsors. The proposal sought to raise the allocation for Prom Sponsors from 2% to 3% of the base, translating to an annual increase per position from \$711 to \$1,066. It's worth noting that this adjustment

impacts two positions associated with the role, which were split by the administration during the 23-24 school year. With this approval, both positions would receive a total of 6%, as the Prom Sponsor role is shared by two individuals. Tate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion began regarding the revamping of the student good conduct policy. Before we present the student handbook and the revised good conduct policy for approval at the June meeting, we seek the Board's input on any desired changes. The current Good Conduct Policy can be found starting on page 17 of the handbook.

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

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed:

1. Regular Board Meeting June 17, 2024 at 6:30pm
2. Regular Board Meeting July 15, 2024 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm with a motion by Eckels, seconded by Tate and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Adam Tallmon, Board President
Pending Approval

Rhiannon Tessum, Board Secretary