

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

August 9, 2021 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Nick LaVelle, Emily Herring, Marc Anderson and Jay Stanish, Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, Director of Learning Sherri Walker, High School Principal Mike Rundall (arrived during the meeting) and visitors. Absent: Maggie VanderWilt and Greg Salvo.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Jared Cook with the reading of the mission statement “Embracing today’s challenges, preparing for tomorrow’s world.”

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Board Secretary Bierle noted 3 additional staff recommendations for mentor teachers. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Emily Herring to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, July regular and special joint meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: annual settlement of 2021 cash balance, open enrollment requests for Ada Grossman (K) from BCLUW to E-NP HSAP Program, Grayson and Brynlei Floyd from Iowa Falls to E-NP (move), Addilyne, Trista, Danicka, and Lorali Switzer from BCLUW to E-NP HSAP Program, Danielle Wilson from E-NP to Gladbrook-Reinbeck, and Rachel Wilson from AGWSR to E-NP; staff resignations from Andrew Sutton and Michael Gethman as elementary special ed paras; staff recommendations for Tracie Akers and Heather Sherman as high school mentor teachers and Jenniffer Konomi and Brianna Swangel as elementary mentor teachers; and an agreement with Impact 7G for Bidding and Contract Documents for Abatement of Identified Asbestos Containing Materials.

Public Report Time

Joe Herring informed the board he has a 1st grader and a preschooler and is inquiring as to what the mitigation plan is for the District since we are 2 weeks out from starting school. He noted kids have no current vaccine option and had one “tool” (wearing masks) which is no longer required. He asked that the District encourage mask wearing.

Discuss/Action Board Secretary/Treasurer 2021-22

Motion by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish that Cindy Bierle be appointed as the Board-Secretary-Treasurer for 2021-22. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Depositories for District

Motion by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle that Hardin County Savings Bank, Great Western Bank, Greenbelt Bank & Trust, Payment Spring, and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust be named the official depositories for the District with depository limits of \$3,500,000; \$1,500,000; \$1,500,000; \$30,000; and \$10,000 respectively for 2021-22. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Official Newspaper for District

Motion by Emily Herring seconded by Jay Stanish that the Eldora Newspapers be the official newspaper for the District for 2021-22. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Attorney for District

Dr. Zellmer informed the board that Drew Bracken and Ahlers Law Firm had been our attorneys for several years and provided great service. Drew plans to retire and we will likely be assigned a new lead counsel, however the Ahlers team all work together in specialized areas and we already work with several attorneys at the firm. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle that Drew Bracken and the Ahlers Law Firm be retained as the District’s attorney and legal counsel for 2021-22. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Activity Fund/Nutrition Fund Check Signing Designees

Motion by Marc Anderson seconded by Emily Herring that Nancy Webb be authorized to sign Activity Fund checks and Natalie Kane be authorized to sign Nutrition Fund checks for the District for 2021-22. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approval of E-NP Elementary and South Hardin High School Handbooks

Motion by Nick LaVelle seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the E-NP Elementary and South Hardin High School Handbooks for 2021-22 School Year. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approval of Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax

Dr. Zellmer noted the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy allows us to make improvements to our buildings and equipment but it must be approved by the voters every 10 years. We need to get this renewed in order to continue to improve our infrastructure and help pay for the improvements we would like to make to our facilities. This action will approve putting the question on the ballot in November. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the resolution ordering election on the question of continuing to levy a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cook, LaVelle, Herring, Stanish, and Anderson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Approval of Resolution Approving Revenue Purpose Statement, Ordering an Election on a Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures from Revenue Received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund, and Ordering the Publication of a Notice of Election

Dr. Zellmer stated the SAVE was extended from its original end date of 2031 to now receiving funding through 2051. Our current revenue purpose statement expires in 2031 and if we would like to borrow against this money beyond 2031 we will need a new revenue purpose statement that identifies how we will spend the funds through 2051. This action approves putting the revenue purpose statement on the November ballot. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the resolution approving revenue purpose statement, ordering an election on a revenue purpose statement to authorize expenditures from revenue received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund, and Ordering the Publication of a Notice of Election. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cook, LaVelle, Herring, Stanish, and Anderson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

Dr. Zellmer informed the board we now formally have to have an action item each month discussing the current status of ESSER 3 funding. He noted some of the uses include: salaries for teachers for smaller class sizes, an additional Title I teacher, summer school, and the high school gym HVAC. **Motion** by Nick LaVelle seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the current status of ESSER 3 Funding and Plan for use. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss Facility Updates

Dr. Zellmer noted summer projects are close to being completed, the high school hallway to the gym and commons are being painted, asphalt at the track has been resealed, and the cement by the band doors is being completed. He stated the architects have been studying the buildings for how to update the elementary school and will have meetings with staff on their ideas for the project.

Discuss School Board Elections

Board Secretary Bierle noted Jared Cook (At Large), Greg Salvo (At Large), and Jay Stanish (DD#4) are up for re-election on November 2nd. Cook and Stanish stated they would seek re-election and Salvo was not in attendance. She noted the filing period to return nomination papers to her is August 23, 2021 through September 16, 2021 and a minimum of 26 signatures is required.

Discuss New Iowa School Leadership Standard 6

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with a description of Standard 6: Professional Capacity of School Personnel. The standard states: Educational leaders develop the professional capacity and practice of school personnel to promote each student's academic success and well-being. Examples were given of professional development that staff attend to help grow their professional development in their area.

Discuss Beginning of 2021-22 School Year

Dr. Zellmer presented the board with the current guidance from Hardin County Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Public Health updates, and what the Iowa Department of Education has released so far. He stated there is supposed to be more guidance and clarification on a few things coming out on August 13.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Principal Henrichs explained how standard six would work for him in his building, noted the new personnel in his building and staff in new positions, and noted summer school and extended school year was going on currently in his building. Principal Rundall noted registration continues through tomorrow, open house and freshmen orientation is Thursday, August 19 from 5:30–7:30, noted his new employees, fall sports kickoff was tonight, student leadership retreat on September 10, and homecoming the first week of October. He also noted professional development will be on block based strategies as the high school will have a modified block schedule for 2021-22. Director of Learning Walker noted she feels very connected to standard six in her job and will deal with induction and mentoring, aligning professional development and goals to bring supports together as one. Dr. Zellmer stated summer projects were going well and set to be completed before school starts, he is working on ESSER planning, and felt the administrative retreat went well.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the E-NP District Office.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.