

Eldora-New Providence Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

May 9, 2022 – District Board Room

Present: Board Members: Jared Cook, Maggie VanderWilt, Breanne Butler, Nick LaVelle, Jay Stanish, Emily Herring and Marc Anderson, Superintendent Dr. Adam Zellmer and Board Secretary Cindy Bierle, High School Principal Mike Rundall, Elementary Principal Kevin Henrichs, Director of Learning Sherri Walker, and visitors.

Call Meeting to Order

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

Discuss/Action Consent Agenda

Dr. Zellmer asked if there were any questions on the consent agenda. **Motion** by Maggie VanderWilt seconded by Jay Stanish to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Included in the consent agenda along with the agenda, April regular meeting minutes, report of disbursements, and financial report were the following items: an open enrollment for Jericho-Khayler Lamont LaVarta from E-NP to Marshalltown (K); staff resignations from Taylor Duncan as special ed teacher, Joylyn Cobb as 5th grade teacher, Wayne Lu as high school band instructor, Deb Myers as early childhood special ed teacher /preschool teacher, Rashell Kaufman as elementary special ed para, Brittany Steppe as elementary secretary, Patrick Gagnon as student council co-sponsor; staff recommendations for Crystal McCulloch, Allison Stowe, and Brandi Meyer as 5th grade teachers, Ellen Mesch and Dana Hughson as extended school year teachers, Dave Akers as high school instructional leader, Nancy Cook as SEL/Community Connections coach, Kristin Shindelar as academic success coach, Thomas Howe and Mike Olson as AIW coaches, Thomas Howe, Amber Owens, Robert Bartels, and Nancy Cook as mentors, Matt Thompson as selection team member, and Eliazar Lozano as summer concessions sponsor; staff transfer for Teresa Williamson from Title I to elementary Special Ed teacher; permission to the City of Eldora to access and utilize properties as part of the 11th Avenue Reconstruction Project; Renewal of Shared contracts with Hubbard-Radcliffe for Director of Teaching, Learning & Assessment, Food Service Director, Transportation Director, Athletic Director, and Web Master, Renewal of Lease Agreement between Eldora Children’s Center, Inc. and E-NP CSD; Preschool Contract with Good Shepherd Preschool, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Approval of Retiree Sick Leave Payout.

Public Report Time – A letter was read from the Class of 2022 asking for Jaidyn Teske to be allowed to participate in commencement. John Teske thanked the board for the job they do as board members and stated his daughter, Jaidyn, has put in a lot of work as a South Hardin dual enrolled student and would like to see her be allowed to participate in commencement. The board thanked him for his comments.

School Board Recognition Month Certificates

Dr. Zellmer presented the board members with recognition certificates and thanked them for their service in this challenging job.

OPN/DCI Presentations – Facilities Updates and Potential Bond Elections

The board was presented with a draft of elementary and high school additions and renovations from a culmination of learning and surveying the wants and needs of a facility advisory committee. Funding for these projects would come from a potential voter approved GO Bond, and Sales Tax (SAVE) and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy borrowing. Bond petition language for General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$9,900,000 was read to the board and discussed.

Discuss/Action 2022-23 Bread and Milk Bids

Dr. Zellmer informed the board bids were sent out to four companies for bread and three companies for milk and we received one bid back for each. **Motion** by Breanne Butler seconded by Marc Anderson to approve the bread bid with Pan-O-Gold and the milk bid with AE Dairy. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption and Purchase

Director of Teaching and Learning Sherri Walker presented the board with information on choosing a K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum for next year. She informed the board that the cross-district literacy pilot team is recommending moving forward with the adoption of: Center for Collaborative Classroom (CCC). The board was provided with a timeline of how the curriculum was piloted and how the decision was made. Dr. Zellmer noted he would like to purchase the curriculum jointly with H-R with the total price being \$82,875 and E-NP's share being \$53,040. Board members had several questions and indicated they had received several emails from concerned teachers. After much discussion, it was decided to table the action until next week at the H-R board meeting so that more clarification could be given to staff questions.

Discuss/Action Approval of Bond Petition Circulation

Dr. Zellmer noted bond petition language had been discussed with the OPN/DCI presentation at the beginning of the meeting. This is the official approval of moving forward with the Bond Petition Circulation. **Motion** by Jay Stanish seconded by Nick LaVelle to approve the circulation of a Bond Petition. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment

Dr. Zellmer noted we are talking about this item but will not be able to vote on it until a special meeting on May 25th due to publication guidelines. He noted due to the ESSER funds coming in and being spent after the 2022 budget was originally adopted a budget amendment was necessary to increase spending limitations. The board also discussed special meetings and times that worked the best for holding them.

Discuss/Action ESSER 3 Plan Review

Dr. Zellmer noted there was no new spending out of ESSER 3 at this time but we still need to approve the plan on a monthly basis. **Motion** by Emily Herring seconded by Maggie VanderWilt to approve the ESSER 3 Plan. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss/Action Materials for SHHS Softball and Baseball Press Boxes

Dr. Zellmer informed the board that community members had volunteered to provide the labor if the District would purchase the supplies to build softball and baseball press boxes. Facility manager Mike May estimates that each one can be built for \$20,000 in materials. We will use existing PPEL and SAVE reserve funds to pay for this project. **Motion** by Marc Anderson seconded by Breanne Butler to approve materials purchases of \$40,000 for the SHHS Softball and Baseball press boxes. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss New Iowa School Leadership Standard #2: Ethics and Professional Norms

Standard 2 States: Educational leaders act ethically and according to professional norms to promote each student's academic success and well-being. Dr. Zellmer noted this includes following a Code of Conduct with expectations of following board policy, meeting norms, and showing responsibility and equity.

Administrator/Supervisor/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Henrichs informed the board ISASP tests were complete and FAST and MAP tests are wrapping up this week, summer school offerings are being presented to parents, the PTO sponsored a mother/son game night with 51 boys in attendance, and a blood drive is being held this Wednesday. He noted administrative standards include protecting the rights of students and staff. Mr. Rundall noted spring sports are wrapping up, commencement is Sunday, the last day of school will be a team building day at Camp Pine Lake for high school students, finals are next week, scheduling has started for next year, senior award night is Tuesday night, Prom and After Prom went well, and the professional development with Brian Mendler was great. He stated ethics were important in working hard to follow local, state, and federal guidelines and promoting equity. Mrs. Walker informed the board the conditions of learning survey had been completed by 95% of students, but there was low family and staff participation. She also stated curricular conversations are based on meeting standards and doing what is expected. Dr. Zellmer noted the legislature is generally meeting behind the scenes and negotiating as to how to proceed and come to resolutions on things. He noted we have several hard to fill positions left to fill within the district.

Set Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eldora-New Providence District Office. We will hopefully be able to attend the H-R meeting May 16th to resolve the curriculum series purchase and have a special meeting on May 25th.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.