

# Regular Board Meeting

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EASTERN HANCOCK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 10370 E. 250 N., Charlottesville, IN 46117

(317-936-5444)

Monday, August 9, 2021

7:00pm - 8:30pm

### 1 Public Notice

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This meeting is a meeting of the School Board held in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. The Board will permit fair and orderly public expression as indicated by the Agenda Item Public Comment. Procedures to govern such participation are available upon request. The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent with the School Corporation's Administrative Office at 317-936-5444.

### 2 Call To Order

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**Minutes:**

Mr. James R. Jackson, Jr., Board President, called the regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: James R. Jackson, Jr., Tammy Stunda, Steve Brock, Tammy Settergren, Scott Johnson

Absent: none

### 3 Pledge of Allegiance

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### 4 Success Stories

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. Adam Barton, MS/HS Principal, described the great start the staff and students have had to the new school year. The staff began their return with some time to reconnect with each other, enjoying the Samano's food truck and an inaugural cornhole competition in which the team of Mr. Mike Galyan and Mr. Sam Pfaff rose to championship victory over the second place team of Dustin & Lindsey Eck. Mr. Barton acknowledged Mr. Chris Wilson for getting the school buildings ready for classes amid all the current construction going on. Finally, he shared his experience at the Indiana State Fair of watching our HS Band take 25th place in the state and seeing so many EH students showing their animals in the show barn.

-Mrs. Amanda Pyle, Elementary School Principal, informed the Board of their successful Kindergarten Orientation and both Meet the Teacher nights held during opening week. There was even no crying the first day of Kindergarten class or the Pre-K class. She recognized her office secretaries, Kim Grant and Carrie Sutton, for their diligence in getting almost every family registered within the first 3 days of school, and thanked the parents for their patience as well as the teachers for their flexibility.

### 5 Informational

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**Minutes:**

-None

## 6 Public Comment

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### Minutes:

-Dr. Eric Metz of Charlottesville thanked the school for having a school like this, for making the tough decisions that always try to put the students first. They have four sons and have been looking for a school system for them. He stated that he is a Board Certified orthopedic surgeon and his wife Rose is a Board Certified veterinarian, and that they both appreciate how EH has handled the COVID situation and given the choice for masking. He shared that in his medical understanding, school-aged children are at an extremely low risk of contracting COVID and have an even lower risk of adverse side-effects. He encouraged the Board to continue to allow the option for masking to be made by parents.

## 7 Consent Agenda

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### 7.1 Minutes of July 12, 2021

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### 7.2 Executive Memorandum for August 3, 2021

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### 7.3 Field Trips

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#### Minutes:

- Out of State & Overnight - FFA - Barrow Show - Austin, MN - September 10-14, 2021
- Out of State & Overnight - FFA - Dairy Judging - Harrisburg, PA - September 17-20, 2021
- Overnight - FFA Meats - Purdue - September 17-18, 2021
- Overnight - FFA SOAR Leadership - Trafalgar, IN - October 8-10, 2021
- Out of State & Overnight - FFA - Livestock Judging - Kansas City, MO - Oct 14-19, 2021
- Overnight - FFA Livestock Judging - Akron, IN - October 29-30, 2021
- Overnight - FFA FIRE Leadership - Trafalgar, IN - November 12-14, 2021
- Out of State & Overnight - FFA - Livestock Judging - Louisville, KY - Nov 12-17, 2021
- Overnight - FFA Leadership - Trafalgar, IN - February 4-6, 2022

### 7.4 Substitutes

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#### Minutes:

- Sub Cafe: Diane Burns
- Sub Teacher: Corina Jennings

### 7.5 ECA

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#### Minutes:

- Change ES 2nd Grade Faculty Council to Lindsey Eck
- Change MS Spell Bowl to Elizabeth Schurger
- Volleyball Coaches: 7th grade - Jenna Smith; 6th grade - Abby Singleton
- MS Tennis Coach: Beth Zeilinga (volunteer)
- HS Football Coaches: Fred Bays & Ryan McCarty (both volunteers)
- FFA Coaches for 2021-22: Brian Engleking, Josh Watson, Joe Kemerly, Ben Riggs, Jason O'Neal, Marty Matlock, Trent Fredenburg, Megan Mench, Bryce Jordan, Julia Wickard, Grady Bishop, Dr. Dave Miller

-Temp MS Cheer Coach: Jennifer Spurling

## 7.6 Certified Staff

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### Minutes:

- Job Description - HS Guidance Counselor
- Resignation - Dana Hilgert - HS English Teacher - Effective July 26, 2021
- Resignation - Kelli Brown - HS Guidance Counselor - Effective upon replacement
- New Hire - Tori Angel - 2nd Grade Teacher - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Ronda Hallquist - MS&HS Science Teacher - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Alexis Mattingly - HS English Teacher - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Jenn Lightcap - HS Guidance Counselor - Effective Aug 12, 2021

## 7.7 Support Staff

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### Minutes:

- Resignation - Doug Wennen - HS IA - Effective July 26, 2021
- Reassignment - Tammy Wilfong - Single Student Route added - Effective Aug 2, 2021
- New Hire - Dan Engleking - Bus Driver - Effective 2021-22 school year
- New Hire - Linda Plough - Bus Monitor - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Melody Uhler - Single Student Driver - August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Carrie Davidson - Bus Monitor & Bus Sub Aid - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Carrie Davidson - Temp Cafe - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Sharon Herbert - HS Cafe - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Lyndsey Evans - HS Cafe - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Rachel Hurst - ES Music Instructor - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Molly Voris - ES IA - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Abby Smith - HS IA - Effective August 2, 2021
- New Hire - Aubrie Osborn - HS IA - Effective August 2, 2021
- Student Workforce - Charles Cross & Lucas Elliott - 2021-22 school year

## 7.8 Claims

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### Minutes:

Prewritten: \$73,311.06  
Regular: \$127,977.21  
Payroll: \$966,393.11  
TOTAL: \$1,167,681.38

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Settergren seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## 8 Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy & Distribution of Funds

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### Minutes:

-Dr. Philhower, Superintendent, reminded the Board that the state requires the annual approval of this policy. There are no changes to this policy other than updating the number as revised by Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim.

Mr. Brock moved and Mrs. Stunda seconded a motion to approve the updated Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy (#D250) as well as the distribution of TAG funds based on 2020-21 staff performance evaluations. Motion carried 5-0.

## 9 Purchasing Approval for Weight Room Equipment

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. Adam Kinder, Director of Business & Operations, presented the Board with a recommendation for the purchase of weight room equipment using the donation from Hancock Health via their sponsorship agreement with Eastern Hancock. The lowest amount was from Life Fitness.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Brock seconded a motion to approve the purchase of new weight room equipment from Life Fitness for \$97,087.11 using the sponsorship contribution from Hancock Health. Motion carried 5-0.

## 10 Request Permission to Publish 2022 Budget

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. Kinder gave a preliminary overview of the 2022 Budget. An official Budget Hearing is to be held in September. At this time, Mr. Kinder requested permission to advertise the 2022 Budget.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Brock seconded a motion to approve the request to advertise the 2022 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

## 11 Around the Table for Positive Comments

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. Johnson commented on how fortunate EH is to have Mr. Kinder in charge of the financial side of the school corporation's business. He thanked Mr. Kinder for his hard work and explanation of the process, and stated his goal to increase the base salary for new teachers at EH. Mr. Johnson also congratulated Mr. Adam Eaton, HS Band Director, and the HS Marching Band for placing 25th at the Indiana State Fair, the highest placement for EH in many years.

-Mr. Brock shared how wonderful it was to see the excitement in the students and parents attending the Back to School Night in the Elementary School this past week. The parking lot was full and there was lots of energy in the air.

-Mrs. Stunda congratulated all of the administrators and staff on a successful start to the new school year. She also thanked Greenfield Banking Company for their generosity of donating \$10,000 to each Hancock County school system in celebration of their 150th year of business.

-Mrs. Settergren acknowledged Dr. Philhower's first month as Superintendent and what a good job he has done so far already. She stated her appreciation to all of the staff for coming back home to EH after their summer break as well as thanked Mr. & Mrs. Metz for their kind words and choosing EH as their choice of school for their children.

-Mr. Jackson mentioned the culture of EH that the staff and Board all strive to maintain as well as reiterated the nice state of our financial position and the increase in student numbers this fall.

## 12 Adjournment

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Settergren seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.