

CSC OF EASTERN HANCOCK COUNTY

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EASTERN HANCOCK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 10370 E. 250 N., Charlottesville, IN 46117 (317-936-5444)

Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00pm - 9:00pm

1 Public Notice

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

Minutes

Thomas Younts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: Scott Petry, Michael Lewis, James R. Jackson, Jr., Scott Johnson, Thomas Younts

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Success Stories

Minutes

-The NASA 2018 Calendar was presented, highlighting the EH students whose drawings won a place in the calendar. Fifth graders Aron Harris and Ellie Meyer, and sixth graders Savanah Hardin and Andrea McClard were the EH winners. These students were invited to a NASA luncheon and a NASA Board meeting, as well as each received a \$25 gift card. Ellie Meyer was present to celebrate her success with the Board.

-Teacher Cathleen Huffman highlighted the MS Spellbowl team and their participation in the Spellbowl State Finals. The MS Spellbowl team has been in existence 6 years now, and during these 6 years, they have made it to the State Finals 5 times; coming in Runner-Up once and taking home the Championship once as well. Mrs. Huffman explained the yearly process of beginning with 1647 words to learn of which only 9 words are given at each competition to the 8 students on the team, but they have no idea which words will be chosen. Eastern hosts the Regional competition each year, giving us an opportunity to show our school and to teach our students how to be good hosts. After the Regionals, only the top 10% of the teams go on to the State Finals. Of the 523 teams statewide this year, made up of over 6000 spellers, our EH team was 1 of only 7 teams to make it to the Finals at Purdue. Sydney Hayes and Kayla Jackson came to the meeting to represent the team. They each shared and spelled some of the most difficult words they were given throughout the season.

-Mr. Dave Pfaff, MS & HS principal, introduced seniors Lainey Splater and Whitney Bishop to share about Peer Pals, an EH program created by Lainey two years ago that is intended to bridge the gap between the general student population and the Essential Skills student population. After being placed in the Essential Skills classroom as a cadet teacher her Freshman year, Lainey realized the lack of a high school social life that the special education students in the class had and little to no interaction they had with the general student population. Based on the concept of the organization Best Buddies, Lainey created a program specific to EH with monthly special events and peer partnering. The result has been a great improvement in communication and social skills for the special education students as well as a growth in understanding and open-mindedness for the general education students. There are currently 6 special education students and 40 general education volunteers in the Peer Pals program.

5 Public Comment Minutes

No comments.

6 Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes for November 13, 2017

6.2 Transfer Students Minutes

New for December: 5

Mr. Jackson inquired as to whether we could get statistics regarding the number of monthly move-ins to the district as well as the number of withdrawn students.

6.3 Field Trip Requests Minutes

- Overnight – FFA – Purdue – December 8-9, 2017
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Iowa Beef Expo – February 8-12, 2018
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Black Hawk East, Illinois – March 2-3, 2018
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Kentucky Beef Expo – March 2-3, 2018
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Lake Land College, Illinois – March 16-17, 2018
- Out of State – 8th Grade – Chicago Museum of Science & Industry – April 13, 2018
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Joliet Junior College, Illinois – April 13-14, 2018
- Overnight & Out of State – FFA – Illinois Central College – April 20-21, 2018
- Overnight – FFA – Purdue – Mary 18-19, 2018

6.4 Certified Staff Minutes

-Resignation – James O’Hara – PE Teacher & Football Coach – Effective December 20, 2017

-Counselor Teacher Appreciation Grant letter from Dr. McGuire explaining that those counselors who were evaluated as effective or highly effective would also receive the one time Teacher Appreciation Grant stipend.

6.5 Substitutes Minutes

-Add Amanda Ellery to substitute teacher list

6.6 ECA Minutes

-MS Drama Club Sponsor – Stephanie Fields

6.7 Claims Minutes

Prewritten: \$179,864.65

Regular: \$147,550.00

Payroll: \$718,101.86

TOTAL: \$1,045,516.51

Mr. Petry moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

6.8 Support Staff Minutes

-Resignation – Andra Mullis – Bus Driver - Effective December 1, 2017

-Resignation – Vicky Badgley – Bus Driver – Effective November 9, 2017

-Resignation- Glen Davis – ES IA – Effective December 12, 2017

-Resignation – Pam Matthews – School Nurse – Effective January 4, 2018

-New Hire – Abigail Radovanovich – Bus Driver – Effective December 4, 2017

-New Hire – Whitney Ahner – Bus Driver – Effective November 20, 2017

-New Hire – Traci Johnson – White Bus Driver – Effective December 4, 2017

Mr. Johnson abstained from voting on the Support Staff portion of the Consent Agenda due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Lewis seconded a motion to approved the Support Staff changes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

7 Request for Additional Appropriations Minutes

Adam Kinder, Business manager, provided the Board with an Additional Appropriations Resolution. The resolution would appropriate \$5472.00 to the Debt Service Fund.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

8 2019 Europe Trip Proposal for Foreign Language Classes Minutes

Mr. Pfaff explained that Foreign Language teacher Kevin Adams would like permission to begin promoting this trip and raising the funding for it. Mr. Jackson inquired if the cost was known yet. It is not. He also asked if there are any concerns regarding safety in traveling internationally. Mr. Pfaff assured the Board that Kevin keeps a constant monitoring of State Department warnings right up to departure and that the trip will be cancelled at any time if necessary to ensure the safety of our students.

Mr. Petry moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Europe Trip Proposal as presented and authorize Foreign Language Teacher Kevin Adams to begin promoting and preparing the trip. Motion carried 5-0.

9 2018-19 Course Guide Minutes

Mr. Pfaff presented the changes to the 2018-19 Course Guide. (See attachment for details). Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion to approved the course changes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

10 NEOLA - First Reading Vol. 30 No. 1

11 NEOLA - Policy 5111 Change - Transfer Students Minutes

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Lewis seconded a motion to approve the changes to Policy 5111 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

12 Superintendent Contract

Minutes

Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the one-time stipend of \$691.18 and the \$1168 pay increase for Dr. McGuire and extend her contract to June 30, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

13 Other Items Allowed by the Board

14 Informational

Minutes

-Dr. McGuire advised the Board that we will continue with Pfenninger as our insurance company.

-She also shared that Mike Womack from Charlotte Creek Nursery will be presenting the school a plan to add trees to the school grounds. The Landscaping class will also be involved in this.

-Dr. McGuire explained that a work group of Hancock County superintendents that existed at one time, called Connectivity Consortium, had at one time pooled funds for working together. Since that group has previously disbanded, the approximately \$7000 allotted to Eastern Hancock has been put into the General Fund.

-The Board was reminded that the Elementary HVAC bid opening is set for December 22, 2017 at 4pm.

-The annual Board Reorganization will occur at the January 2018 meeting.

-Initial discussion began for the Board meeting dates in 2018. The January meeting will be moved to January 15 due to scheduling conflicts of Board members.

15 Around the Table for Positive Comments

Minutes

-Mr. Johnson offered congratulations to Cory Rainbolt for being named Volleyball Coach of the Year. He also expressed his appreciation of the new parking lot lights and how much brighter and nicer they are when driving in the parking lot at night. In addition, Mr. Johnson shared several successes that our FFA classes have had in various recent contests.

-Mr. Petry commended the effort the students have made in the Peer Pals program shared earlier and his desire that it be a program that continues on long after Lainey graduates.

-Mr. Lewis voiced his appreciation of the time spent at the meeting each month recognizing the successes of our students.

-Mr. Jackson seconded that appreciation for the many positive things EH students are doing.

-Mr. Younts expressed his gratefulness for the time that Coach Jimmy O'Hara has been at EH, stating that he can't think of anyone who has had such an impact on not only the students, whether on his team or not, but also on the entire EH community.

16 Adjournment

Minutes

Mr. Jackson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Thomas Younts, President

James R. Jackson, Jr., Secretary