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Minutes of September 11, 2023 School Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order

Minutes

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

Present: James R. Jackson, Jr., Tammy Settergren, Steve Brock, Scott Johnson (arrived after Success Stories due to other EH engagement)

Absent: Tammy Stunda

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Success Stories

Minutes

Mrs. Amanda Pyle, ES Principal, introduced Mrs. Emily Meckel, EH parent & alumnus, and creator of Hancock County Poss-ABILITIES, a nonprofit organization that focuses on developing relationships between experienced youth in the livestock industry and any youth, ages 3-25, with a physical, emotional or cognitive disability. Mrs. Meckel explained that this endeavor was inspired by her daughter Emery, also an EH student. EH 6th grader Garrett Kennedy and his 4th grade brother Eli shared a little bit about being mentors for two children with disabilities, from working and teaching them about sheep to just playing games and making new friends. EH student Gavin Paxton and Brandywine student Kinley told what their favorite part was in learning about rabbits with their mentors. This first year included 29 children with disabilities who showed animals at the Hancock County Fair Showcase. Their year-round activities can be found on their Facebook page.

Mr. Adam Barton, MS/HS Principal, introduced two of our HS Band Students, juniors Kameron Adkins and Cooper Weiss. Kameron and Cooper informed the Board about this year's State Fair Band Day experience in August. The EH Band placed 4th in their Division as well as 23rd overall in the state, the highest placement earned since EH was consolidated for the 1964-65 school year. We currently have 32 students in the high school band and a very large group coming up in the middle school band. Both boys complimented Band Director/Teacher Mr. Adam Eaton on the amazing job he has done at EH and stated the next goal is to make it to the Top 16 who advance to the evening competition at the State Fair.

4. Informational

Minutes

None

5. Public Comment

Minutes

None

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of August 14, 2023 Board Meeting
- b. Overnight/Out of State Field Trips
 - i. April 12, 2024 - Senior Art and Spanish 4 - Chicago Art Museum
- c. Substitutes
 - i. New Hire - Scott Stanley - Substitute Teacher
 - ii. New Hire - Shanna Sharp - Substitute Teacher
 - iii. New Hire - Jaysa Melton - Substitute Teacher
 - iv. New Hire - Connor Pyle - Substitute Teacher
 - v. New Hire - Keith Venis - Substitute Teacher
 - vi. New Hire - Stephanie Tice - Substitute Food Service Assistant
- d. ECA
 - i. Shari Doud - Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
 - ii. Mike Dolence - HS Varsity Boys/Girls Swim
 - iii. Sam Pfaff - Varsity Wrestling
 - iv. David Trackwell - Varsity Softball
- e. Support Staff
 - i. Resignation - Chelsea Marley - Food Service Assistant
 - ii. Resignation - Veronica Dailey - Food Service Assistant
 - iii. New Title - Angela Watkins - Robotics Instructor/MS Instructional Assistant
 - iv. New Hire - Sasha Hicks - Elementary Instructional Assistant
 - v. New Hire - Veronica Dailey - Food Service Assistant
 - vi. New Hire - Amber Craney - Food Service Assistant
- f. Claims
 - Prewritten \$ 314,816.82
 - Regular \$ 418,917.58
 - Payroll \$ 747,313.44
 - TOTAL: \$ 1,481,047.84

Minutes

Mr. Brock moved and Mrs. Settergren seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

7. 2024 Budget Hearing

Minutes

- The Budget Hearing was opened by Board President, Mr. James R. Jackson, Jr.
- Dr. George Philhower, Superintendent, stated that the 2024 Budget has been published as required by law and that Mr. Adam Kinder, Director of Business & Operations, was present to answer any questions. Voting on the budget will occur at the October Board Meeting.
- Public Comment: none
- Mr. Jackson closed the Budget Hearing.

8. 2024 Bus Replacement Plan Hearing

Minutes

- The 2024 Bus Replacement Hearing was opened by Board President, Mr. James R. Jackson, Jr.
- Mr. Kinder provided the Board with a Bus Replacement Plan for 2024-2028 which included the purchase of 1-2 school buses each year. Voting on the Plan will occur at the October Board Meeting.
- Public Comment: none
- Mr. Jackson closed the Bus Replacement Hearing.

9. 2024 Capital Funds Plan Hearing

Minutes

- The Capital Project Funds Hearing was opened by Board President, Mr. James R. Jackson, Jr.
- Mr. Kinder provided the Board with a 2024 Capital Project Funds Plan. The details of this plan are available on the DLGF and the EH school website. Voting on the Plan will occur at the October Board Meeting.
- Public Comment: none
- Mr. Jackson closed the Capital Project Funds Hearing

10. Resolution to Authorize Reductions

Minutes

Dr. Philhower explained that this is a resolution each year authorizing Mr. Kinder to make any necessary budget adjustments after receiving the 1782 Notice from DLGF.

Mrs. Settergren moved and Mr. Brock seconded a motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize Reductions as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Calendar Adjustment - April 8

Minutes

In anticipation of the Solar Eclipse on April 8 during the school day, Dr. Philhower recommended that we use one of our State Performance Qualified Waived days so that students will not be in school. Staff will participate in professional development.

Mr. Brock moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the 2023-24 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Around the Table for Positive Comments

Minutes

- Mr. Brock recognized the awesome support that EH has for our sports teams from students, parents and the community. This a great reflection on the type of place we are.
- Mr. Johnson shared that he participated earlier that evening in a special event to celebrate our Veterans & First Responders at the EH volleyball game and that this event was originated by one of our students, Brooklyn Willis.
- Mrs. Settergren informed the Board that the teacher-contract process has begun and she feels like it will be an even better positive experience than last year, which was already very good.
- Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation at the recognitions coming up for our 2013 semi-state champion football team and 2012 regional champion volleyball team.

13. Adjournment

Minutes

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Brock seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

James R. Jackson, Board President

Tammy Settergren, Board Secretary