

Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
10/25/2021

Present: Alain Black, Anita Waller, Bill Correll, Alan Key, Tim Payne

Audience: Cathy Wulf, Debbie Cook, Allison Razey, Edra Chamberlain, Nikki Block, Skyler Hinke, Randy Bracht, Sharon Scellick, Bryan Johnson, Nicole Boatright, Martin Flynn, Glenda Flynn, Charlotte Throgmorton, Sarah Vasquez, Gabby Uhl, Frank Cardwell, Shannon Dahl, Lee Er Phua Sharp, Shelli Hansen, Pam Cleveringa, Sheri Dills

1. Call to Order

Director Correll called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Flag Salute

Director Correll called all present to stand for the flag salute.

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the posted agenda.

4. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

Director Black made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

i. Approve Minutes from September 27, 2021

ii. Hires

1. Carmilita Graham, 20 Hr/Month Food Service Sub
2. Andrea Anderson, 7.5 Hr/Day ECEAP Teaching Assistant Para
3. Ashley Roberts, 1 Year Temp Parkway Yearbook Coordinator
4. Landra Kosa, 1 Year Temp EHS Voc Ag Teacher
5. Ken Bohnet, 2 Hr EMS Lunch Custodian
6. Shannon Rodriguez, Route 23 Driver

7. Krystal Reddin, Route 16 Driver
8. Amanda Perez, Route 15 Driver
9. McKinzie Chapman, Bus Monitor for Route 15
10. Karrleigh Canet, Bus Monitor for Route 9
11. Magdalena Hernandez, 6.5 Hr Bilingual Para at Columbia Ridge
12. Perla Rosales, ECEAP Teaching Assistant Para
13. Patti Helaas, Route 18 Driver
14. Don Williams, EHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements

1. Elizabeth Steffler, EMS Bilingual Para, effective 10/12/21, accepted 9/29/21
2. Jessica Botello, ECEAP Assistant Para, effective 9/30/21, accepted 9/30/21
3. Natasha Valle, ECEAP Family Support Specialist, effective 10/12/21, accepted 10/7/21
4. Meagan Leseman, 5.5 Hr Food Service at Columbia Ridge, effective 10/6/21, accepted 10/8/21
5. Julie Collins, 5.5 Hr Night Custodian at Columbia Ridge, effective 1/31/22, accepted 10/12/21
6. Ross Hendrick, EMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10/11/21, accepted 10/13/21
7. Josh Roberts, EMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10/12/21, accepted 10/13/21
8. Randall Tupling, EMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10/13/21, accepted 10/14/21

- iv. **2021-22 CIHS Agreement between BBCC and ESD**
- v. **Surplus Items**
- vi. **Minimum Basic Education Requirements**
- vii. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**

b. Approve ECEAP Complex Needs Grant

Charlotte Throgmorton, ECEAP Director, is seeking approval to accept the ECEAP Complex Needs Grant. The Complex Needs grant is funding made available to current ECEAP contractors to support children with developmental delays, disabilities or challenging behaviors due to complex trauma. The Complex Needs Fund aims to support developmental and learning gaps for the children who would otherwise start kindergarten behind and continue to fall behind in later school years. Children do not need to be on an Individualized Learning Plan (IEP) in order for the funds to be applied to their needs. Children currently receiving services through a Developmental Preschool Program may access funding if the identified support is beyond the child's current individualized education goals. Ephrata's ECEAP program will receive \$20,000 to be used towards hiring additional part-time staff for the classroom and purchase supportive and adaptive materials and equipment, such as tricycles, glide bikes and a second swing set with a swing for children with disabilities. Director Key made the motion to accept the \$20,000 ECEAP Complex Needs Grant. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. Approval for Overnight Travel for Extracurricular Athletics/Activities

Bryan Johnson, EHS Athletic Director, is seeking approval from the Board requesting overnight in-state travel for extracurricular athletics and activities due to qualifying for extended participation/postseason events for the 2021/22 school year. COVID-19 safety protocols will be practiced during travel, and council with the district safety team will be utilized for added student/staff safety. Director Waller made the motion to approve in-state overnight travel for extracurricular athletics and activities for the 2021/22 school year. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. Approve Adult Meal Price for 2021/22

Nicole Boatright, Sodexo Food Service Supervisor, is seeking board approval for the adult meal price for the 2021/22 school year. Based on calculations she would like to set it at \$4.50/adult lunch. Director Key made the motion to approve the adult meal price at \$4.50/lunch for the 2021/22 school year. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

5. Non-Action Items

a. Idea Project

Shannon Dahl, Grant School Principal, discussed the recent Idea Project that was provided Oct 11-13th, 2021 as part of their Disability Awareness Week. The students learned about People First Language and examples of what those were. The best ways to communicate with someone who has speech difficulties. What our behaviors mean and why some kids react differently with their bodies, and the importance of inclusion of everyone, regardless of their abilities.

b. Correspondence

1. Through a partnership with NCESD, Ephrata School District has a full-time Behavioral Health professional, Mariah Taylor, on staff for the next 2 years to work students in grades 7-12. Mariah resides in Ephrata.

c. Budget Report

Debbie Cook, Finance Director, reviewed the monthly budget report with the Board. Next month she will present the year-end report.

d. Update on ECF Funding

The Technology Department applied for funding from round one of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). The ECF is a \$7.17 billion program and part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The purpose of the ECF is helping schools and libraries provide accessibility and tools needed for remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. ECF funding will help to close the Homework Gap by providing needed relief to millions of students and school staff who currently lack necessary Internet access or the devices they need to connect to their classrooms during remote learning. Equipment and services eligible for funding through ECF include items for internet connectivity such as hotspots and modems and devices

such as laptops and chromebooks within reasonable cost. During the round one funding window, \$1.2 billion was committed nationwide through the program. The District applied for, and was awarded \$31,000 in funding for 130 Hotspots to be available to students who are without internet access for the 2021-22 school year. The District will also receive a \$95,000 reimbursement for the 500 Chromebooks that were purchased by this past summer.

Applications for round two of the ECF closed this past week and the Technology Department applied for funding to purchase 170 staff Chromebooks as replacements for the current devices that are nearing "end of life," as well as an additional 1000 student Chromebooks to replace the 942 Chromebooks that were recently surplussed to maintain the District's 1:1 Chromebook program.

Public Comment

1. Nikki Block – Concerned that Socialism was being taught in her student’s English class
2. Skyler Hinkey – Concerned that Critical Race Theory has been taught the last two (2) years in his English and Social Studies classes
3. Edra Chamberlin – Why are board meetings being conducted via zoom at this time.

6. Adjournment

Director Correll adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Bill Correll, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board