

Regular School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

3/22/2021

Staff in Attendance: Director Adams, Director Black, Director Correll, Director Key, Director Waller, Tim Payne, Cathy Wulf, Debbie Cook, Charlotte Throgmorton, Sarah Vasquez, Bryan Johnson, Pam Cleveringa, Shellie Hansen, Frank Cardwell

Visitors: Havila Roberts, Steve Grout, Gabrielle Uhl, Deidra Weber, Randy Bracht, Phil Stadelman

1. Call to Order

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

2. Flag Salute

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

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Director Key made a motion to approve the addition and change to the posted agenda. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

1. Add to 4.a.iii 5. Karin Buchmann's resignation, Fed Program/Curriculum Secretary effective 8/31/21
2. Remove from 4.c, CR and EMS's amended Architecture Service Agreements, further review is needed prior to approval.

4. Action Item

a. Consent Agenda

Director Key made a motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

i. Approve Minutes from February 22, 2021

ii. Hires

1. Dawn Flanigan, .5 Fall Team Assistant at EHS
2. Missy Beierman, Assistant Boys Golf Coach at EHS
3. Katie Nellis, ECEAP Assistant Teacher, effective 3/15/21
4. Sheila Massey, EHS ASB Advisor .5, effective 2021/22 school year

5. Jada Addink, EHS ASB Advisor .5, effective 2021/22 school year
6. Isha Friesen, Grant School Para, effective 2021/22 school year
7. Lee Er Phua Sharp, Grant School Para, effective 2021/22 school year

iii. **Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Mercedes Enciso, ECEAP Assistant Teacher, effective 3/05/21, accepted 2/25/21
2. Joe Wolf, EHS Knowledge Bowl Advisor, effective 6/3/2021, accepted 3/1/21
3. Carol LaPlant, Para at Grant School, effective 8/31/21, accepted 3/2/21
4. Willie Holmes, Assistant EHS Fastpitch Coach, effective 3/8/21, accepted 3/8/21
5. Karin Buchmann, Federal Program/Curriculum Secretary, effective 8/31/21, accepted 3/22/21

iv. **Donations**

1. Columbia Basin Youth Baseball, 10,000 to be used for field upgrades at baseball and softball complexes.

v. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**

b. **Approve Ed Specs for High School PAC**

Cameron Golightly, Design West Architecture, reviewed with the board the Education Specifications for the High School PAC and Gym. This is a required process from OSPI, in which the district establishes what we are looking for in the bond construction. By approving the Education Specifications, the board is not committing the district to any designs that are in the report. Those will be established once the design manuals are approved at a later board meeting. Director Black made a motion to approve the Education Specification for the High School PAC and Gym as provided and presented. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. **Approve Architecture Services with Design West**

Director Waller made the motion to approve the architecture service agreements with Design West for the Grant School and High School PAC bond projects. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. **Approve High School Ag Lab Science Equipment Quote**

Sarah Vasquez, CTE Director, would like board approval to purchase Ag Lab Science equipment. Now is a good time to invest more into this program as there is an increase in enrollment in ag science classes and money in the CTE budget to support the investments. The recommendation from herself and Ag teacher, Elizabeth Graaff, is to purchase the equipment from Vernier Go Direct. Director Adams made a motion to approve the recommendation to purchase the Ag Science equipment form Vernier Go Direct. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

e. Approve Tech Van Purchase

Sarah Vasquez, Tech Director, is seeking board approval to purchase a new van for the Tech Department. This vehicle would replace a '93 Aerostar van. Sarah's recommendation is to purchase the vehicle from Barry's Chevrolet as they provided the lowest quote for the vehicle. There is money in the Tech Department's budget for this purchase. Director Key made the motion to approve the Tech Van purchase from Barry's Chevrolet. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

f. Approve Applying for Paul Lauzier Grant for High School Sports Complex Updates

Bryan Johnson, High School Athletic Director, is seeking approval to apply for a Paul Lauzier Grant to be used toward upgrades to the EHS Softball Complex. The total amount of the grant request will be \$205,000. Director Key made a motion to approve applying for a Paul Lauzier Grant for funds to complete upgrades to the EHS Softball Complex. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

g. Approve ECEAP Complex Needs Fund

Charlotte Throgmorton, ECEAP Director, is requesting the Board accept \$10,000 from the DCYF's Complex Needs fund. These funds will be used to support children with complex needs such as developmental delays and/or challenging behaviors due to complex trauma. These funds will be used to purchase sensory and visual supplies that will be used both in the Speech Room and other classrooms at Tiger Cub Preschool. Director Key made a motion to accept the Complex Needs Funds. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

5. Hearing of Individuals/Groups

a. Teaching with Masks On

Ali Mantese was not at the meeting to speak with the Board.

b. Correspondence

1. March 8 -12, 2021 was declared by Governor Inslee as Educational Support Professionals Week. Thank you to all our exceptional staff members that help ensure that our schools run smoothly on a daily basis.
2. March 15-21, 2021 was declared by Governor Inslee as School Retirees Appreciation Week. Thank you to all our retired or retiring school employees who have worked tirelessly throughout the years to make the Ephrata School District what it is today.

c. First Reading Policy/Procedures

These were presented for first reading. Any changes or amendments to these will be addressed prior to the second reading in April.

3241/3241P Student Discipline

3432/3432P Emergencies

6000/6000P Program Planning Budget Preparation Adoption and Implementation

6600 Transportation

d. Financial Report

Debbie Cook, Finance Director, reviewed the budget report with the Board.

e. Legislative Update

Director Waller gave a brief legislative update to the Board.

6. Adjournment

Superintendent Payne shared with the Board the new CDC recommendations regarding schools going down to a 3' social distancing model in schools. He stated that until the Washington State Health Department and the Governor's Office get behind that recommendation there would not be any change in our current situation. If and when that was to happen, our District would reevaluate our current school model. He will keep the Board up to date as new developments come out.

Phil Stadelman asked to speak to the board. He wanted to let them know that he appreciates everything that the Board has done for Ephrata's students up to this point and hopes that the Board moves to get kids back into the schools full time before the end of the year.

With no other business, Director Correll adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Director Correll, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board