

**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7/26/2021**

Present: Bill Correll, Anita Waller, Jim Adams, Tim Payne, Cathy Wulf

Audience: Adam Roduner, Debbie Cook, Sarah Morford, Sharon Scellick, Amy Grizzell, Randy Bracht, Amanda Wisner, Marguerite Mayhugh, Ali Mantese, Lee Er Phua Sharp, Antonio Mantese

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Flag Salute**

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

**3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

There were no changes or additions to the posted agenda.

**4. Public Hearing on the 2021/22 Budget**

Director Correll recessed the regular meeting at 6:02 am to go into the public hearing on the 2021/22 budget. Debbie Cook, Finance Director, reviewed how the budget process works, items that affected the budget this coming year, and the beginning fund balances for the year's budget. For the 2021/22 school year, as part of the budget development, hearing, and review process required by chapter 28A.505 RCW, each school district must disclose:

- Amount of budgeted State MSOC funding: \$5,280,839. (includes CTE);
- Amount District proposes to spend for MSOC: \$6,163,774. (includes CTE);
- Difference between these amounts: (\$882,935,);
- The amount the District anticipates spending on MSOC exceeds the amount of anticipated state funding

Debbie also included in the budget review the 4-Year budget projection of revenues and expenditures for all fund balances. The budget hearing closed at 6:21 am and the Board reconvened back to the regular meeting.

## 5. Action Items

### a. Consent Agenda

Director Waller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### i. Approve Minutes from June 28, 2021

#### ii. Hires

1. Shayla Bird, 6 hr Special Education Para at Grant School beginning 2021/22 school year
2. Elizabeth Steffler, 6.75 hr Bilingual Para at EMS beginning 2021/22 school year
3. Jordyn Shaddix, 6.25 hr Para at Columbia Ridge beginning 2021/22 school year
4. Suzanne Mele, 1.0 fte 5th Grade ELA/SS at Parkway beginning 2021/22 school year
5. Stephen Crowder, 30 hr/week Safety and Security beginning 2021/22 school year
6. Heidi Johnson, EMS Assistant Cross Country Coach beginning 2021/22 school year
7. Matt Collins, District Carpenter beginning 2021/22 school year

#### iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements

1. Denise Johnson, Para at Parkway, effective 8/31/21, accepted 6/30/21
2. Greg Hewitt, EHS Driver's Education Teacher, effective 8/31/21, accepted 7/16/21

#### iv. Donations

1. Ephrata Lions Club has donated a 30' flag pole and flag of the EHS Soccer field.

#### v. Resolution 2020-2021-9 Transfer of Funds to Capital Projects Fund

#### vi. 2021-22 ECEAP Contract

#### vii. Surplus Math Curriculum

#### viii. Surplus High School Golf Bags

#### ix. Payroll & Accounts Payable

### b. Resolution 2020-2021-10 Establish 2021/22 Budget

Director Adams made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-2021-10 to Establish the 2021/22 Budget. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**c. Approve New Website Quote**

Sarah Morford, Communications Director, is seeking approval to contract with FinalSite for our website needs. To best serve and communicate with Ephrata School District's many audiences, she proposes a complete redesign and update of the District's websites. She had a team to evaluate the current website and the quotes from Apptegy, Edlio, FinalSite and our current vendor School Messenger. After lengthy review of options and vendors, she is proposing the District contract with FinalSite. In addition to being a low cost provider, they have agreed to cut our first year maintenance fee to \$5,125 to help us transition more quickly. Director Waller made a motion to approve the quote for the new website from FinalSite. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**d. Approve Fork Lift Quote**

Adam Roduner, Transportation Director, is seeking approval for the purchase of a new fork lift. He is recommending acceptance of Northwest Handling's quote rather than Northwest Forklift's or Spokane Forklift. The quote is slightly higher but it is for a name brand quality machine that is available and fits all of the District's needs at this time. A motion to approve the purchase of a new fork lift from Northwest Handling was made by Director Adams. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**e. Approve Baseball Bleachers**

A motion to approve the purchase of new baseball bleachers from Nor-Pac Seating was made by Director Waller. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**f. Approve Softball Scoreboards**

With donations from Tigers Boosters and the Columbia Basin Youth Baseball this year, the high school is requesting the purchase of two (2) new scoreboards for the softball complex. This will allow each field to have scoreboard access as we work to complete the softball four (4) field complex. Bryan Johnson, HS Athletic Director, is recommending Nevco's quote as they are the lowest price and it is the same brand as the current varsity softball field's scoreboard. A motion to approve the purchase of new softball scoreboards from Nevco was made by Director Adams. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**g. Approve Columbia Ridge Food Service Equipment**

Amy Grizzel, Food Service Director, is recommending approval to purchase mobile food service equipment for Columbia Ridge from Bargreen Ellingson. Due to construction the existing kitchen at Columbia Ridge will not be available for use during the 2021/22 school year. Quotes

were received from US Foods, Spokane Restaurant Equipment and Bargreen Ellingson. Of the three (3) quotes received, Bargreen Ellingson came in lower overall because they are not charging freight or shipping costs. A motion to approve the purchase of the food service equipment from Bargreen Ellingson was made by Director Adams. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **6. Hearing of Individuals/Groups**

### **a. Correspondence**

1. Amanda Wisner read a letter to the Board requesting that parents be given the choice regarding having their children wearing masks at school.
2. Ali Mantese as a parent and educator it is very hard to teach students with masks on. She is sending her daughter to private school this coming year so that she will not have to wear a mask, her son would rather stay with his friends in public school. She is wondering what the board is doing to help parents be able to have a waiver to remove masks in school for children.
3. Marguerite Mayhugh appreciates that the District has a Communications Officer now to help get out messages. Please make sure that updated Superintendent messages get put on Facebook as well as the District website.
4. Lee Er Phua Sharp asked what happens if we do not follow the mandates/proclamations from the Governor's Office and the Department of Health on students wearing masks in school. There can be a fine and/or imprisonment for individuals who do vote in favor of not wearing masks in school for students as per the proclamation from the Governor's Office.
5. Antonio Mantese would like the Board to get more involved in changing the mask requirements. They should be working on the parent's behalf since the parents are the ones who elect the.

### **b. Budget Report**

## **7. Adjournment**

Director Correll adjourned the meeting at 7:10 am.