

Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
1/24/2022

Present: Director Correll, Director Black, Director Waller, Director Key (via Zoom), Director Adams (via Zoom) and Tim Payne

Audience: Cathy Wulf, Debbie Cook, Frank Cardwell, Jake Pearce, Edra Chamberlin, Martin & Glenda Flynn, Phil Stadelman, Nicole Boatright, Sheri Dills, Gaby Uhl, Randy Bracht, Sarah Vasquez, Courtney Harmon, Jessica Fleurkens, Jody Stadelman, Sharon Scellick, Shellie Hansen, Tucker, Camber, Casey Devine, Gayle Dow

1. Call to Order

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

2. Flag Salute

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

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

A motion to add Item 4.a.iv - January Payroll \$2,600,168.72, check #'s 165038670-165038701, dated 1/31/2022 was made by Director Key. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

4. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

Director Waller made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition from Item 3. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

i. Approve Minutes from December 20, 2021

ii. Hires

1. Tyler Carlson, EMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
2. Greg Becker, EHS Assistant Tennis Coach

iii. **Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Stacy Balthazor, 1st Grade Teacher at Columbia Ridge, effective 6/15/22, accepted 1/5/22
2. Mike Suehiro, EMS Life Skills Teacher, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/5/22
3. Deanna Detwiler, EHS Assistant Unified Soccer Coach, effective 1/5/22, accepted 1/5/224
4. Donna McNeill, 1st Grade Teacher at Grant School, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/6/22
5. Ginger Smith, Para at Grant School, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/7/22
6. Linda Ebberson, Financial Secretary at Ephrata High School, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/11/22
7. Greg Hanberg, Social Studies Teacher at Ephrata Middle School, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/19/22

iv. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**

b. **EHS Band Fund Raiser**

Jake Pearce, EHS Band Teacher, is requesting approval for the band students to compete in the "Battle of the Bands" against Quincy. We will be given a total of 400 tickets to be sold to a Wenatchee Wild Hockey game, the minimum of 25 seats must be sold to collect the fundraiser portion of the sales. Not all 400 need to be sold. Seats are sold for \$15; the Wenatchee Wild will collect \$10 from each seat sale and the school will receive \$5 from each. The winning school will receive 100 tickets to the first playoff game of the season. Director Correll made a motion to approve the EHS Band Fundraiser. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. **Approve Out of State Travel for High School Band**

Ephrata High School Band students are seeking approval for an out of state trip to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho on February 26th, 2022. The band will attend workshops with professional jazz musicians, participate in an adjudicated performance, and attend an evening concert. All COVID 19 guidelines will be followed during this activity including the use of proper PPE and social distancing. The registration fee for the festival is paid out of Mr. Pearce's classroom budget, the tickets for the concert are paid for through the Band Club ASB account (then students have the price of the ticket charged to their student account to pay as a fee), and the transportation is paid for through the high school extra curricular budget. This trip serves as a great educational experience for the students in which they have the opportunity to learn from some of the most sought after Jazz musicians and clinicians of our time. Director Waller made a motion to approve the out of state travel for the high school band. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

5. **Non-Action Items**

Three (3) individuals signed up to address the board.

1. Phil Stadelman - He would like to know what the Board is doing to push back on the mask mandate and testing requirements. Waiting for the mandates to be lifted is not soon enough. He would like to encourage the Board to join other boards from surrounding districts to push back.
2. Glenda Flynn - Sports being paused - how about just stop testing? Masks, social distancing and vaccines are not working. What is our plan to keep our kids safe with a good mental state as well? We need to think as a district of ways to solve this for our kids. What do we not get if we do not comply with the mandate?
3. Brock Laughlin - Encourage you as a board to worry about our kids and not parents/grandparents. Students

are more important than athletics. Continue to be bold and courageous and find a way to push back and remove the barriers in front of our kids. You have my support and trust you to stand up for our kids. It is time for this to end. I am here to help and encourage you. Please make a strong stand.

a. **Correspondence**

January is National School Board Recognition Month - Superintendent Payne thanked the board for their continued hard work, support and dedication to the students and staff of the Ephrata School District.

b. **First Reading Policy/Procedures**

Policy/Procedure 1400 - Meeting Conduct Order of Business and Quorum is being updated.

c. **Budget Report**

Debbie Cook, Finance Director, reviewed the budget status as of December 2021.

Superintendent Payne gave a brief update on:

- Construction projects,
- Bond and Levy rate changes,
- Meeting with the Port of Ephrata and City of Ephrata

6. **Adjournment**

With no other business, Director Black adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Alain Black, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board