

Regular School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
2/28/2022

Present: Director Correll, Director Black, Director Waller, Director Adams and Tim Payne

1. Executive Session 5:00 - 6:00 pm

1. Property (RCW 42.30.110.b)
2. Personnel (RCW 42.30.110.g) was not discussed

2. Call to Order

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

3. Flag Salute

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

4. Public Comments

Prior to public comments, the board recognized the EHS Boys Varsity basketball team's accomplishment of winning the 2A Academic Award, as a team they achieved a 3.8 gpa during the basketball season.

1. Jeremy Block - Read from the public records request documents
2. Todd Johnson - Read from the public records request documents
3. Sam Buchmann - Read from the public records request documents and called for the public records requests to be served to the Board and Superintendent Payne.
4. Shannon and Ed Lowry - Thanked the Board for their work the last 2 years making the tough choices to keep our children, teachers and all school staff safe and working during this pandemic.
5. Gabby Uhl - We are not enemies; everyone here tonight cares for kids. This community is a home for all of us.
6. Dominique Bracht - Thanked the Board for their work as well. He last year was an adventure for her but their decisions helped us all get through it. She wanted to thank the Ephrata community for making her job rewarding for all the years she worked here.
7. Shelbi Cummings - Thanked the Board for their work and reminded all present that the beauty in this community is that we don't always have to agree but we do need to give each other grace and forgiveness.

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

Director Waller made a motion to approve the changes and additions to the posted agenda. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

1. Remove item 6.a.iv - Termination of Employment
2. Add item 6.a.iii.9 - Resignation of Kaylynn Castillo, effective 2/26/22, accepted 2/28/22
3. Add item 6.a.ii.2 - Hire Patrick Mitchell as EHS Football Coach
4. Add item 6.a.ii.3 - Hire Frances Zuniga 6.5 hr Lifeskills Para at Grant
5. Add item 6.a.ii.4 - Hire Blaine Cochrane, 6.5 hr Night Custodian at Columbia Ridge
6. Add item 6.a.xii - Approve EHS Baseball Fundraiser to their 2022 budget
7. Add item 6.a.xiii - Approve adjustment to EHS 2021/22 MeCHA budget.
8. Add item 6.a.ii.5 - Hire Erin Fletcher as EHS Assistant Track Coach

6. **Action Items**

a. **Consent Agenda**

Director Waller made a motion to accept the revised consent agenda as presented. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

i. **Approve Minutes from January 24, 2022**

ii. **Hires**

1. Jessica Lewis, Temporary 7.5 hr ECEAP Assistant Para for remainder of 2021/22 school year
2. Patrick Mitchell, EHS Football Coach
3. Frances Zuniga, 6.5 hr Lifeskills Para at Grant
4. Blaine Cochrane, 6.5 hr Night Custodian at Columbia Ridge
5. Erin Fletcher, EHS Assistant Track Coach

iii. **Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Kayla Tucker, EHS Assistant Track Coach, effective 1/25/22, accepted 1/25/22
2. Meredith Walker, Music Teacher at Columbia Ridge, effective 8/31/22, accepted 1/26/22
3. PJ Anderson, EMS Head Track Coach, effective 2/4/22, accepted 2/4/22
4. Greg Becker, EMS Assistant Track Coach, effective 2/4/22, accepted 2/4/22
5. Jessica Roman, EMS ELA Teacher, effective end of the 2021/22 school year, accepted 2/7/22
6. Heidi Bazaldua, Columbia Ridge Teacher, effective 8/31/22, accepted 2/8/22
7. Krystal Reddin, Route #16 Bus Driver and Food Service, effective 2/15/22, accepted 2/10/22
8. Samantha Slater, Lifeskills Para at Grant, effective 2/11/22, accepted 2/11/22
9. Kaylynn Castillo, ECEAP Lead Para, effective 2/26/22, accepted 2/28/22

iv. **Termination of Employment - Removed**

- v. **Senior Class Fundraiser**
- vi. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**
- vii. **Approve Washington FFA Foundation Grant**
- viii. **Promethean Purchase**
- ix. **Resolution 2021-2022-03 Resolution of Racial Imbalance**
- x. **Resolution 2021-2022-04 Resolution of Racial Imbalance**
- xi. **Second Reading Policy/Procedure**
- xii. **EHS Baseball Fundraiser**
- xiii. **Update to EHS 20/21 MeCHA Budget**

b. Approve EHS CTE Department Design Services with Design West Architects

The Ephrata High School CTE Department is working with Design West Architects to commission an add-service design for remodel of both the Family and Consumer Science kitchen and the Agricultural Welding shop. Design West will provide design services for architectural, mechanical and electrical services that are necessary to modernize the Family and Consumer Sciences kitchen. (\$29,200) This redesign will help the district expand CTE work-integrated learning opportunities by transforming the Family and Consumer Sciences kitchen into a modern learning lab that simulates an industry setting. Design West will provide design services for architectural and structural services for an enclosed space that currently sits outside of the Agricultural welding shop. (\$5,800) The high school welding shop is also in need of additional space and modernization due to the equipment and enrollment it currently services. Enclosing the outdoor storage space will allow the instructor to purchase a metal pinch roller and other materials. Last year the program was gifted money from Bernie Martin of Four Seasons for this purpose. This storage space will allow future renovations of the shop and allow for more interior instructional space. Both of these design services will be paid for by CTE funds. The CTE Director has applied for a grant through OSPI to supply equipment for the kitchen remodel (\$150,000). Due to increased enrollment, it is anticipated that costs associated with this work will be covered by the EHS CTE department. After design services and cost estimates are completed, the district will decide on whether to pursue the projects further with work to be completed over the summer. A motion to approve the EHS CTE design services with Design West was made by Director Adams. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Sarah Vasquez had applied for a \$150,000 grant from the Career Preparation and Launch Equipment Grant through OSPI. Prior to the board meeting Monday night, she was notified that Ephrata was awarded \$75,000 from this grant. These funds will be used on the above projects to help offset the cost to the CTE budget. A motion to accept this grant was made by Director Correll. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. Approve Emergency Connectivity Fund Award

The Technology Department applied for funding from Round 2 of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) and was awarded \$466,662.00 to purchase 170 staff Chromebooks and 1000 student Chromebooks as replacements for current devices that are nearing "end of life." This award will help maintain the District's 1:1 Chromebook Program. A motion to approve the acceptance of this grant was made by Director Waller. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. Approve Purchase of 2 Buses

Adam Roduner, Transportation Supervisor, is seeking approval to purchase 2 new buses. There are funds in the TVA budget for this purchase and the buses would not come online until this September. The buses that will be replaced will not be used as a trade-in as we can get more for them if we surplus them. Director Waller made the motion to approve the purchase of 2 new buses. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

e. Approve Design and Development for Grant School

Cameron Golightly, Design West, reviewed with the board the building design for Grant School. Once approved they can move forward with the project. The plan is to go out for bid in early July. Director Correll made a motion to approve the presented design and development for Grant School. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

f. Approve 2022/23 School Calendar

Dawn Turley on behalf of the calendar committee presented the three (3) calendar options for the 2022/23 school year. Calendar options were created with joint input from both the EEA and PSE. Both the EEA and PSE members recently voted on the three (3) options, with Option A receiving the most votes. The Administrator group reviewed all options as well and support the vote of the EEA and PSE. It is the recommendation of the Calendar Committee to approve Calendar Option A for the 2022/23 school year. Director Adams made a motion to approve Calendar A for the 2022/23 school year based on the recommendation of the Calendar Committee. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

g. Approve 2021/22 School Improvement Plans

Building Principals presented their School Improvement Plans for the 2021/22 school year. A motion to approve the 2021/22 School Improvement Plans was made by Director Adams. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

7. Non-Action Items

a. **Budget Report**

Debbie Cook, Finance Director, reviewed the January budget report with the board. Next month she will have the final report on our recent audit.

b. **Superintendent Report**

1. Mask mandate is ending soon, after March 11th they will be optional in schools
2. Interim Special Education Director, Jamie Bessette
3. Lower group not recommending to the State Board of Health that COVID vaccines be required for school enrollment in the fall
4. Working and going forward on our long term facility plans

8. **Adjournment**

With no other business, Director Black adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Alain Black, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board