

Regular Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
3/28/2022

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

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

1. Personnel (RCW 42.30.110.g) - no action was taken

**2. Call to Order**

Director Black called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**3. Flag Salute**

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

**4. Public Comments**

1. Gabby Uhl - You may have come into the board positions with expectations of what the job would look like. Over these past few years you have had many different hurdles to endure in these positions that most likely did not resemble what you thought the job would be. I want to thank you for all you have done during these difficult times.

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

Director Adams made the motion to approve the addition to the agenda. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

1. Add 6.a.ii.9 Hire Jamie Saunders, School Psychologist effective 2022/23 school year

## 6. Action Items

### a. Consent Agenda

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

#### i. Approve Minutes from February 28, 2022

#### ii. Hires

1. Michelle Winters, 1.5 Hr Lunch Server at CR 2.
2. Erik Scheib, EHS Assistant Baseball Coach
3. Lyndsy Roberts, EMS Head Track Coach
4. Heidi Johnson, EMS Assistant Track Coach
5. Marymar Rabadan Barajas, 7.5 Hr ECEAP Assistant Para
6. Leland Henderson, Bus Driver for Route #2
7. Jennifer Baum, 4th Grade Teacher at Grant, effective 2022/23 school year
8. Amber Hoenes, ELA/SS Teacher at EMS, effective 2022/23 school year
9. Jamie Saunders, School Psychologist, effective 2022/23 school year

#### iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements

1. Tina Laugen, 8 Hr Secretary at Columbia Ridge, effective 3/16/22, accepted 3/3/22
2. Dale Hagy, EHS Girls Head Basketball Coach, effective 3/7/22, accepted 3/7/22
3. Brandon Evenson, EHS Boys Head Basketball Coach, effective 3/7/22, accepted 3/8/22
4. Ofelia Alvizar, ECEAP Lead Para, effective 3/18/22, accepted 3/10/22
5. Mark Wanke, Bus Driver and Para at Grant, effective 6/15/22, accepted 3/14/22
6. Patrick Mitchell, EHS Head Wrestling Coach, effective 3/14/22, accepted 3/14/22
7. Rachele Buchmann, 3rd Grade Teacher, Grant school, effective 8/15/22, accepted 3/18/22
8. Tyler Cummings, Math Teacher, Ephrata High School, effective 8/15/22, accepted 3/18/22

#### iv. Donations

1. Silver Nickel Logging, \$5,000 worth of lumber to help the high school woodshop students complete projects at no cost.

#### v. Surplus Items

#### vi. EHS Golf Team's 50/50 KP Raffle

- vii. **Resolution 2021-2022-05 Transfer from General to Capital Projects Fund**
- viii. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**

**b. Approve HS CTE Culinary Equipment Quote**

This equipment 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. Ephrata High School was built in the 1980's and has not been modernized to keep up with the transformation of Vocational Home Economics into what it is known for today. In this department, students are engaged in work-based learning opportunities including activities such as catering. The Tiger Tail Café is also a student enterprise tied directly to this program at the high school. Students involved with the Tiger Tail Café are able to run this as a business and make planning and decisions to support FCCLA. By upgrading the equipment and design of the classroom kitchen layout, there will be better use of the space and the creation of a Tiger Tail Café walk up window. Students will also experience a kitchen that is more commercial and have exposure to a three-compartment sink, commercial dishwasher and prep stations that you would see in a restaurant. Right now, the kitchens are compartmentalized and simulate a home kitchen. Through a series of classes including Independent Living, Foods, and Tiger Tail Café students can complete their CTE graduation pathway, earn industry recognized credentials, engage in student leadership and participate in work-based learning opportunities. Director Correll made a motion to approve the quote for the purchase of the CTE Culinary equipment. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**c. Purchase of an Outdoor Floral Cooler for CTE**

Please consider CTE to purchase an 8' X 12' X 7'6" Outdoor Floorless Floral Cooler for use by the High School Ag Department. The cooler would be placed near the Agriculture Portable Classrooms and would be used in place of an indoor floral cooler currently inside one of the portables. This would free up much needed classroom space and provide additional capacity for floral and agriculture cold storage. We request Rimbey Solutions to complete the project. Rimbey Solutions is a local vendor from Quincy, WA and supplied the most complete and accurate quote complete with labor, installation and costs of additional supplies needed to fully complete the project. CTE will hire an electrician to complete the electrical piece of the project. Director Adams made a motion to approve the quote from Rimbey Solutions for the purchase of the outdoor floral cooler. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**d. Approve HS CTE New Rotating Lab**

HS CTE will be purchasing a new lab to rotate one of the three business labs at the high school. One of the requirements is for equipment to remain like industry. Due to the nature of the business classes including broadcasting, graphic design and video game design, computers need to be able to handle video and images effectively. Director Waller made a motion to approve the quote for the purchase of the High School CTE Rotating Lab. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**e. Approve \$110,000 from the Digital & Inclusion Grant**

Ephrata School District was recently awarded \$110,000 through the Digital Equity & Inclusion Grant to purchase 27 Interactive Promethean Boards for Grant Elementary. The grant also includes funding for staff professional development and pay. Providing modern technology for students is vital in education today. The Promethean interactive whiteboard display is a powerful tool for auditory, visual and kinesthetic learners as well as students with special needs. Students can use the interactive whiteboards to draw, erase and experiment without limits. This type of learning keeps kids engaged. Using a Promethean interactive whiteboard panel in a classroom gives students the ability to interact and collaborate with each other in the class. We are very excited to use this grant to continue our work in educational technology to support student learning. Director Waller made a motion to approve the award of \$110,000 from the Digital & Inclusion Grant. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**7. Non-Action Items**

**a. Correspondence**

1. March 14-18, 2022 is Education Support Professionals Week as proclaimed by Governor Jay Inslee
2. Patti Helaas, saved the life of a student on her bus recently

**b. EHS New Program Hope Squad**

HOPE Squad is an organization started by Dr. Gregory Hudnall, a high school principal in the Provo School District. After identifying a student who had committed suicide in the park next to his school, he vowed to do whatever he could to prevent this from happening to any other student. HOPE Squad uses a whole community approach to prevent suicide through education, support, and advocacy. Now in 1200 schools across the U.S. and Canada, HOPE Squad is making a difference. HOPE Squad is comprised of students (nominated by peers/selected by advisors, teacher advisors, counselors, admin, parent volunteers, and local mental health care organizations).

**c. Budget Report**

Finance Director, Debbie Cook, reviewed the February budget report with the board.

**d. Audit Reports**

Finance Director, Debbie Cook, reviewed the recent audits for the ECEAP Program and the 20/21 Fiscal Audit. Both audits came back with no issues found.

**e. Superintendent Report**

1. Introduced Jamie Bessette as the District's Interim Special Education Director. Jamie stepped in during a time of need and has been doing a wonderful job.
2. Construction Update
3. Commend all district staff for doing a wonderful job as we come out of the pandemic.

**8. Adjournment**

Director Black adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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Alain Black, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board