

Ross Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2014

The Ross Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting at Elda Elementary School on February 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Steve Stitsinger, at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Present: Mr. Ed Bosse, Mr. David Brown, Ms. Glenda Holt,  
Mr. John McCandless and Mr. Steve Stitsinger

Absent: None

Mr. Greg Young, Superintendent, Ms. Cathy McMonigle, Treasurer, and  
Ms. Kathy DiBlasi, Director of Curriculum, were also present at this meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval and Signing of Minutes  
2-26-14

Mr. Brown moved and Ms. Holt seconded the motion for approval and  
signing of minutes of January 29, 2014 as presented.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Brown	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Ms. Holt	Aye	Mr. Stitsinger	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

IV. Highlights

A. Elda Presentation

New group under the direction of Ms. Corbin, the Elda Ensemble consists of  
65 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who auditioned at the beginning of the year. A  
sample of music which will be presented at the May 7 concert was performed for  
the Board and audience.

Also Renee Bell, Counselor and Student Council advisor reported that Elda  
Student Council is working on philanthropic projects. They filmed commercials  
for fund raising for the Ronald McDonald House. The commercials were filmed  
at the school and shown to the Board.

B. Map Presentation by Kathy DiBlasi

Measures of Academic Progress. Tool shows the status of each individual child.  
They are assessed 3 times a year. We MAP assess in grades K-10 in Reading,  
Math and grades 3-10 in Science. This tool is an approved vendor through ODE  
to be used for the student growth measure in the teacher evaluation system since  
student growth measure must be a part of their evaluation. Mrs. DiBlasi showed  
a video describing the MAP process for the Board. Additionally a power point  
was presented to the Board going into detail on how it's working within Ross.

V. Public Participation

Sarah Ornbreck with the Shared Harvest Food Bank Coalition. The coalitions to raise money in Butler County for school supply kits for 8000 students. They'll be raising \$46,000 through grants and fundraising to meet that goal.

VI. Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

A. Approval of Financial Report, Donation, Investments, Student Activity Budget and Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer  
2-27-14

Mr. McCandless moved and Ms. Holt seconded the motion for approval of financial report as presented, investments, donation, student activity budget and fund to fund transfer as follows:

A. Investments

B. Donation

Donation of \$600 from Ross Middle School Rambotics FIRST LEGO League to Rambotics FRC Team 3201 at Ross High School.

C. Approval of Student Activity Budget for Spanish National Honor Society

(Copy on file in Treasurer's office)

D. Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer from General Fund, 001, to Athletics, 300, for \$230,000

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Ms. Holt	Aye	Mr. Stitsinger	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

VII. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

A. Personnel  
2-28-14

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Stitsinger seconded the motion for approval of the following personnel actions:

1. Non-Certificated

a. Employment, Pending Verification of Training, Experience, BCI and FBI Reports

1) Robert Johns, Substitute Custodian

b. Supplemental Resignation

1) Ron Holt, Coach, Effective End of 2013-2014 Contract Year

2. Certificated

a. Resignation

- 1) Robert Stinson, Teacher, Effective End of 2013-2014 Contract Year

b. Employment, Pending Verification of Training, Experience, BCI and FBI Reports

- 1) Kim Broerman, L.T. Substitute Teacher, Effective 2/18/14

3. Supplemental Employment for 2013-2014 Contract Year, Pending Verification of Training, Experience, BCI and FBI Reports as Follows:

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B. Approval of FMLA for the Following:

- 1. Jan Bollenbach, Secretary, Beginning Approximately 2/20/14
- 2. Emily Estridge, Teacher, Beginning Approximately 2/25/14

C. Approval to Pay the Following Individuals From the General Fund for LLI Training on 8/13/14

Mary Francis	\$100.00	Beth McKillop	\$100.00
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D. Approval to Pay from the General Fund for Attendance to the History Alive Presentation on 2/12/14 (one hour before contracted day) to the Following Individuals:

Lana Thiem	\$24.44	Mandy Brosier	\$24.44
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E. Approval of 2013-2014 OAA Tutors, Tutor Rate of \$24.44

Anne McEldowney	Tara Smith	Dewana Dunn	Dave Burk
Michelle Miller	Lana Thiem	Jennifer Castle	April York
Lori Ellinghausen	Jill Martin		

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Brown	Aye	Ms. Holt	Aye
Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

F. Approval of Jazz Band Trip to Cleveland 2-29-14

Mr. Bosse moved and Ms. Holt seconded the motion for approval of Jazz Band trip to Cleveland, Ohio

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Bosse	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Ms. Holt	Aye	Mr. Stitsinger	Aye
Mr. Brown	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

G. Approval of 2014-2015 School Calendar  
2-30-14

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Stitsinger seconded the motion for approval of 2014-2015 school calendar. On the calendar, there was discussion of eliminating an instructional day on election day and that spring break may need to be moved if ODE does not grant request to move make up days.

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The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Brown	Aye	Ms. Holt	Aye
Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

H. Review of Board Policy for Children of Staff Open Enrollment

Mr. Young drafted a policy based on parameters set during negotiations. Mr. Jeremy Neff with ERF was here to answer questions. Mr. Young explains it has to be an open enrollment policy in order for the funds to follow the students.

X. Building Project Update

Much improvement at Morgan. Unfortunately, there was asbestos at Morgan after being told we did not have any. The original excavator could not get bonded so they went to the second which is Bray. Since we are doing the alternate, the cost ends up being the same.

Nothing on the ductwork yet at Ross Middle School and Elda.

XI. Race to the Top

Kathy DiBlasi handed out a packet regarding feedback on the late start from February 12, 2014.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Butler Tech Report as Provided by Board Member Glenda Holt

The Butler Tech Superintendent is to give a presentation at the next Board meeting.

B. Legislative Report as provided by Board Member Ed Bosse

Mr. Bosse discussed the difference in the House and Senate on the calamity days. State School Board announced second round of Straight A. Intent by March 7 and final by April 3??. SBE sent a resolution in support of cursive writing.

XIII. Items From the Public

None

XIV. Items From the Board

John McCandless congratulated Mr. Martin and his staff on career night.

Glenda Holt would like to go electronic with Board packets. She suggested Google Docs. Mr. Brown prefers scanned and email. Mr. McCandless agrees with Mr. Brown. Mr. Bosse still wants some things printed up. We'll try it in March.

Mr. Brown again, mentioned the career night and how successful it was.

Mr. Bosse reported that even in Arizona, he ran across many people who recognize what an excellent school district Ross is.

XV. Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel and Discussion of Expulsion Appeal Hearing With No Action  
2-31-14

Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion for the Board to go into executive session to discuss personnel and discuss expulsion appeal hearing with no action.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Ms. Holt	Aye
Mr. Brown	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:37 p.m.

XVI. Approval to Leave Executive Session  
2-32-14

Ms. Holt moved and Mr. Stitsinger seconded the motion for approval to leave executive session at 9:04 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Ms. Holt	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:04 p.m.

XVII.   Adjournment  
2-33-14

Ms. Holt moved and Mr. Stitsinger seconded the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:04 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Ms. Holt	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. McCandless	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

Mr. Stitsinger declared this meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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President of the Board

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Treasurer (attest)