

Regular Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
10/23/2023

Present: Director Key, Director Waller, Director Adams, Tim Payne, Director Correll (via phone)

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Flag Salute**

Prior to the flag salute, Superintendent Payne introduced the new student representatives to the Board, Charles Flynn and Kadie McMullen. Director Waller asked all present to stand for the flag salute.

**3. Public Comments**

1. Bridget McCord wanted to address with the board a recent suspension of one of her children and the playing time for another in volleyball this season. She hopes that the board will address both these issues with the high school administration.
2. Phil Stadelman is concerned about the decrease in instruction time, which is the result of the recently added Breakfast After the Bell. His question is why the decision was made to have breakfast served after the bell rather than before school. He would like this added to the November agenda to discuss it further.

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

A motion was made by Director Key to add item 5.a.v - October Payroll of \$3,029,254.06, check numbers 165043402-165043421 dated 10.31.23. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**5. Action Items**

**a. Consent Agenda**

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

**i. Approve Minutes from September 25, 2023**

ii. **Hires**

1. Emilie Grubb, Route 10 Bus Driver
2. David Harbert Jr., 8 Hr Night Custodian at EMS
3. David Tempel, EHS Head Baseball Coach
4. Denise Johnson, 6.5 Hr LAP ELA Para at EHS

iii. **Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Shannon Ites, Para at Parkway effective 10/3/23, accepted 10/3/23
2. Whitney Pearce, 8th Grade Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective 10/18/23, accepted 10/12/23
3. Lacie Sieverkropp, 5.5 Hr Food Service, effective hire date of new employee, accepted 10/18/23
4. Ed Tate, Lead Mechanic, effective 12/31/24, accepted 10/18/23

iv. **Approve MEChA Overnight Travel**

v. **Accounts Payable & Payroll**

vi. **Add Authorized Signatures to EMS Imprest Account**

Ephrata Middle School would like approval to add Tina Mullings, Principal; Tim Payne, Superintendent; and Kemi Ping, Secretary to the EMS imprest checking account as authorized signers. In doing so they will remove Ken Murray, as he is no longer the principal of the building.

vii. **Accept Computer Science Grant**

viii. **Donations**

1. Tiger Boosters, \$40,000 to fund baseball at EMS during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Any additional monies remaining from this donation after the 2024-25 school year shall also be used to fund middle school baseball in subsequent years.
2. Ephrata Enforcers Softball Club and Guardian Fence are donating cyclone-fencing materials (Enforcers) and labor/equipment (Guardian Fencing) to install two new outfield homerun fences on the EHS softball fields #2 and #3. Estimated value is \$20,500.
3. Desert Green Turf and Tommer Construction have donated sand and free delivery for the maintenance department to dress our athletic fields. Estimated value of \$2,000

b. **School Improvement Plans**

Building Principals presented their School Improvement Plans for the 2023/24 school year. A motion to approve the 2023/24 School Improvement Plans was made by Director

Correll. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**c. Approve Curriculum Adoption**

Sharon Scellick, Director of Teaching and Learning, is requesting Board approval to adopt Lab-Aids for grades 6-8 Science. The curriculum is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and is partnered with Science Education for Public Understanding Curriculum (SEPUP). Part of the University of California, Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science, SEPUP embodies research-based development and is a vital part of what makes Lab-Aids effective for students and teachers around the United States. SEPUP is considered Issue-Oriented Science. Ephrata Middle School (Gr. 7.8) and Parkway (Gr. 6) science teachers have been involved in a review of instructional materials since spring 2022. Other curricula reviewed and field-tested includes: Amplify Science, Open Sci Ed, and McGraw Hill Inspire Science. The district Instructional Materials Committee was briefed throughout the curricular review process and at their meeting on October 16, voted to recommend Lab-Aids to the school board for adoption for grades 6-8 Science Curriculum. A motion to approve the adoption of Lab-Aids for grades 6- 8 Science was made by Director Waller. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Board approval is requested to adopt Glencoe Health by McGraw Hill for grades 9-12. This book will be the core textbook for Grade 9 Health. It is aligned to the National Health Standards and the Washington State Health Standards. From the standards, the following Core Ideas will be taught:

- i. Wellness
- ii. Safety
- iii. Nutrition
- iv. Social Emotional Health
- v. Substance Use and Abuse

Glencoe Health provides high-school students with age-appropriate content to help them become health-literate individuals. This research-based program focuses on the development and application of critical knowledge and skills during a crucial period in students' lives. The Instructional Materials Committee voted on October 16 to recommend Glencoe Health to the school board for adoption for grades 9-12 Health Curriculum. The Board would like to see the curriculum be piloted for the next 30 days and then resubmitted for approval at the November regular meeting. A motion to approve piloting the Glencoe Health curriculum for the next 30 days was made by Director Key. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**d. Out of State Travel for CTE**

Scott Sandberg, CTE Coordinator, is requesting approval for CTE to take a nine-person team to the Association of Career and Technical Education national conference in Phoenix, Arizona. (November 29-December 2nd) This team would include staff from the middle and high school as well as the district CTE director. This year, the Family and Consumer Sciences program is the focus in CTE. This conference will be paid for by CTE funds as well as CTE grants including the Perkins grant. Director Key made a motion to approve the out of state travel request for CTE in November. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **6. Non-Action Items**

### **a. Food Service Department Updates**

Food Service Director, Alain Black, reported on our recent OSPI Administrative Review Audit. The auditor was impressed on how our food service program is running and the number of meals we are serving. We have an increase in breakfasts served of 83% over last year and we are up 32% over last year for all meals served.

### **b. Superintendent Report**

Facility Update:

- Bond Work and vestibule work at EHS
- Capital Levy
- Capital needs between now and next bond
- Ongoing regular maintenance

### **c. First Reading Policy/Procedures**

## **7. Adjournment**

Director Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.