

Regular School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
12/18/2023

Present: Director Fleurkens, Director Sainsbury, Director Key, Director Waller, Tim Payne

1. Call to Order

As Director Adams was unable to attend the meeting, Director Waller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Flag Salute

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

3. Administer Oath of Office

Superintendent Payne administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Directors.

District #1 Josh Sainsbury

District #2 Mike Fleurkens

4. Reorganization of Board

President/Chair: Director Sainsbury nominated Director Waller for Board Chair. Director Key seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations Director Waller closed the nominations. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Vice Chair: Director Fleurkens nominated Director Key for Board Vice Chair. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations Director Waller closed the nominations. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Legislative Representative: Director Waller was elected as the Legislative Representative last year for two years. She is beginning her second year. Director Fleurkens has expressed interest in participating with this this year so that he might become the Legislative Representative for the 2025 session. Director Key made a motion to have Director Waller remain as the Legislative

Representative this year and have Director Fleurkens help when he can in order to learn the process. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

5. Public Comments

There were no individuals signed in to speak to the Board.

6. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Director Key made a motion to add December Payroll to agenda item 7.a.v in the amount of \$3,032,861.64 dated 12/29/23, check #'s 165043846-165043863. Director Fleurkens seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

7. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

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

i. Approve Minutes from 11/27/23 Meeting

ii. Hires

1. Jeff Gaston, Bus Driver for Route #16
2. Arleth Olivera, Temporary Assistant Para at ECEAP for the remainder of the 23-24 school year
3. Emma Demmer, 6.5 Hr Life Skills Para at Grant
4. Sara Van Velkinburgh, 4 Hr Night Custodian at EMS during the school year only
5. David McKeehan, Assistant Baseball Coach at EHS

iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements

1. Jessenia Jimenez, EMS Secretary, effective 12/12/23, accepted 11/27/23
2. Ayla Ecalbarger, EHS Head Boys Tennis Coach, effective 12/5/23, accepted 12/5/23
3. Joe Wolf, EHS Science Teacher, effective end of 23/24 school year, accepted 12/7/23
4. Phil Trepanier, rescinds his Leave of Absence and resigns, effective 12/7/23, accepted 12/7/23

iv. Donations

1. Estate of Bob Treiber, Goat/Sheep panels to the Ephrata FFA estimated value of \$5,063

- v. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**
- vi. **Second Reading Policy/Procedure**

b. Resolution 2023-2024-3 Ephrata School District Alterations

Director Key made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2024-3 to begin the process of defeasing the remaining bond dollars. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. Approve Applying for the City of Ephrata Tourism Grant

Bryan Johnson, EHS Athletic Director, is seeking approval from the Board to apply for the City of Ephrata Tourism Grant. He is applying for \$40,000 of the estimated \$90,000 that the City of Ephrata has available. If awarded these funds would help with the planning, marketing, and operation for the 2024 EHS tournaments and graduation. These events bring people to Ephrata to stay overnight and spend money in our community. Throughout the school year, we also host hundreds of home contests where people travel to Ephrata for day use, spending thousands of dollars in gas, food and shopping. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve applying for the City of Ephrata Tourism Grant. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. Approve Purchase of Robotic Field Paint Spraying System

Bryan Johnson, EHS Athletic Director, is seeking approval to purchase a robotic field spraying system for the district. After reveiwing the two major companies that provide this product, he is recommending that we purchase the system from Tiny Robot Mobile. This system once fully programmed will be able to spray a sport field in approximatley 20 minutes versus a couple of days that it has taken our employees due to interuptions. The cost of \$30,000 would be split between the maintenance department and the athletic departments (EHS 70% and EMS 30%). A motion to approve the purchase of Tiny Robot Mobile in one payment was made by Director Sainsbury. Director Fleurkens seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

8. Non-Action Items

a. Budget Report

Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed the budget report with the Board.

b. Superintendent Report

1. Enrollment numbers are based on actual K-12 numbers and do not include our running start, open doors or preschool enrollment. Our finance department does a great job of budgeting our enrollment for the year, meaning we budget conservatively low so that we ensure that we have the funds needed to operate throughout the school year.
2. We are working on a storage shed at the old farm on Frey Road (40' x 80'). The plan is to go out to bid the first of the year and break ground in early spring.
3. Our graduation rates are moving back up after COVID, the 2023 numbers have not been released yet. We need to make sure we are celebrating the kids as that is the reason we exist.

9. Adjournment

Director Waller adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Anita Waller, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board