

Regular School Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
4/22/2024

Present: Director Waller, Director Adams, Director Sainsbury, Director Fleurkens, Director Truscott, Student Representative Flynn, Tim Payne

**1. Call to Order**

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 newly selected Board Director #5, Matthew Truscott.

**4. Public Comments**

1. Amy Adams - Romeo and Juliet was recently shown in child's English classroom. She is concerned with the content of the video shown. Our policy is out of date. She would have liked to have had an opportunity to review the movie before it was shown.

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

In the minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting, the following needs to be added to item 8.c Legislative Update:

5. ESSB 5949 – Capital budget – Increase in SCAP School construction cost allocation from \$271.61/sq-ft to \$375/sq-ft

6. Discussed HB 2180 – Increasing special education funding enrollment cap and SB 5852 Special education funding enrollment cap

A motion was made by Director Sainsbury to update the minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **6. Action Items**

### **a. Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes to the March 25, 2024 minutes was made by Director Adams. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### **i. Approve Minutes from 3/25/2024**

#### **ii. Hires**

1. Caleb Visser, 6th Grade Math/Science Teacher, beginning 2024-25 school year
2. Donna Nelson, Bus Monitor for Route #25
3. Daniel Timofeyev, .75 fte School Psychologist, beginning 2024-25 school year
4. Kelli Garman, Rt 6 Bus Driver
5. Brian Finch, EMS Assistant Baseball Coach
6. Devan Silva, EMS Assistant Track Coach

#### **iii. Donations**

1. Columbia Basin Foundation, \$1,300 to be used to help students in need at Parkway Intermediate School.

#### **iv. Out of State Travel For FFA**

FFA would like to travel to University Idaho in Moscow, ID for a tour of their ag facilities and campus. This is tentatively scheduled for May 8th but could happen anytime during the FFA State Convention trip May 8-12th. The request for state convention travel was already approved this last fall.

#### **v. Accounts Payable**

### **b. Approve Purchase of Playground Equipment for ECEAP Preschool**

Charlotte Throgmorton, ECEAP Administrator, is requesting approval to purchase playground equipment with money that was refunded to the District by ECEAP for items that were never sent from previous approval. The amount refunded is \$23,000 and with that they would like to purchase the playground equipment from APC\*Play at \$16,549. This was voted as the best choice by staff for the students. The remaining funds would be used to purchase swings from Miracle Recreation at approximately \$3,114 as these match the equipment we currently have. These new items will be additions to old playground equipment when we relocate the playground. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve purchasing the new playground equipment based on the recommendations. Director Truscott seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**c. Approve Paul Lauzier Grant Application for Columbia Ridge**

Karla Williams, Columbia Ridge Principal, together with the City of Ephrata Parks and Recreation Department would like to submit an application for a Paul Lauzier Grant. During construction playground items were lost that our students really enjoy at recess and after hours. The approximate cost for items requested is \$113,950.00. Director Fleurkens made a motion to approve applying for the Paul Lauzier Grant for playground improvements at Columbia Ridge. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**d. Approve Applying for Paul Lauzier Grant for High School Weight Room Equipment**

Rick Walter, High School PE/Health Teacher, is seeking approval to apply for a Paul Lauzier Grant on behalf of the district. Our weight room is lacking cardio equipment. The Grant will be specifically asked for funds to purchase 3 treadmills, 3 elliptical machines, 1 stair master, 2 row machines, 2 spin bikes, and a couple of weight lifting apparatus to fill in gaps. The amount is approximately \$71,605.37. Director Adams made a motion to approve applying for the Paul Lauzier Grant. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**e. Approve Parkway Audio Enhancement EPIC/Safe System**

The IT department is seeking to hire Advanced Classroom Technologies (ACT) to replace the current intercom system with the new system (Audio Enhancement) as slated in the approved 2022 Capital Projects Levy. This will bring the intercom system up to date in the building and in addition, include integrated classroom sound and the SAFE system in every classroom. Currently, classrooms are using aging Redcat devices to amplify sound for students. This system includes a set of 4 ceiling speakers that integrate directly with the Promethean and a teacher lapel microphone. Students with special hearing needs and listening devices can connect directly to the system. The SAFE system is a call button in each classroom that alerts the front office of an emergency. This is the same system at Columbia Ridge and Ephrata Middle School. Ephrata High School will be the next building targeted to receive this update. Labor and parts will be secured using state purchasing contracts and paid for with levy funds. Equipment and parts can be captured and reused in the event of any potential future remodel or relocation plans. This will be paid with capital funds. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve the purchase of the Audio Enhancement EPIC/Safe System. Director Fleurkens seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**f. Approve Student Chromebook Purchase**

The IT Department would like to order 500 Lenovo student Chromebooks with Hard Cases and 3 Year Warranties (Including Accidental Damage) for the coming school year. These Chromebooks are part of our annual refresh to support the district learning model. The

District needs to replace approximately 20% - 25% each year to maintain the 1:1 device program for students. This purchase was quoted using the WSIPC Purchasing Contract. Director Fleurkens made a motion to approve the purchase of student Chromebooks. Director Truscott seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **7. Non-Action Items**

### **a. Budget Report**

Allison Razey, Business & Finance Director, reviewed the enrollment average and upcoming apportionment numbers.

### **b. Superintendent Report**

1. Discussed the background and concerns with Policy 2019. Superintendent Payne said that the Board would be seeing the first reading document early in the month so they would have ample time to review and/or make comments prior to the May meeting.
2. Enrollment trend of current cohorts and the impact of Ephrata School District going forward.

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

Couple of questions asked regarding these policies:

- Should audio recording be removed from bathrooms? No
- Are Tim and Ken happy with the discipline policies and matrix that are being reviewed? Yes, and kudos to Deb Knox for her work on these.

## **8. Adjournment**

Director Waller adjourned the regular meeting at 7:03 pm. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm to approve the April payroll.

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Anita Waller, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board