

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ESWOOD ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 269

February 26th, 2024

Eswood School Conference Room
304 N. Main Street

REGULAR MEETING

A. 6:00 P.M. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEM: SEATING OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER;

POLICY 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct

Each School Board member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office:

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Eswood Community Consolidated School District 269, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels; As part of the Board of Education,

I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;

I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for Eswood Community Consolidated School District 269;

I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's school (or schools) to advance the vision for Eswood Community Consolidated School District 269; and

I shall strive to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the School District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

2:50 Board Member Term of Office

The term of office for a School Board member begins immediately after both of the following occur:

1. The election authority canvasses the votes and declares the winner(s); this occurs within 21 days after the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years.
2. The successful candidate takes the oath of office as provided in Board policy 2:80, Board Member Oath and Conduct.

The term ends 4 years later when the successor assumes office.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –January 29th, 2024 [MINUTES](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted.

D. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

E. SPECIAL REPORTS/UPDATES: **NONE**

FOIA Requests: **NONE**

1. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** [JANUARY TREASURE'S 2024](#); [JANUARY REVENUE REPORT 2024](#), [JANUARY EXPENDITURE REPORT 2024](#), [DECEMBER 2023 BMO/PCARD](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted for JANUARY 2024.

2. **BILLS PAYABLE:** FEBRUARY [2024 BILLS PAYABLE](#),

ACTION: Motion to approve the Bills Payable and P-card as submitted.

3. **EXTERIOR LIGHTS: NEW QUOTE:** Electrical Systems of Rockford, Inc. to update their proposal to include the light fixtures specified by 20/10 Engineering for the new lighting Erik had recommended for updates last summer. The updated proposal is for a total cost of \$13,291.00. This is \$2,234 less than Geostar's proposal of \$15,525. Chuck Newman believes their scope of work is the same. In Newman Architectures's opinion, the Board can accept Electrical Systems of Rockford, Inc. proposal for the work.

Electrical Systems QUOTE: Exterior Lights: PLACEMENT OF LIGHTS

ACTION: Motion to approve the Electrical Systems of Rockford, Inc. exterior lights quote as submitted.

4. **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT DAYS: Strategic Planning/Continuous Improvement days (5):** 3 days in May 28, 29, 30th and two days in August: ROE/Continuous Improvement work. Administration would like to have these five continuous improvement days for the staff to get paid at their daily rate from their 2023-2024 salary daily rate.

ACTION: Motion to approve the total five continuous improvement days for May and August as submitted.

5. **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: Teaching position:** As we have our final year with our part time special education teachers, administration would like to hire a full time SPED teacher to work with the outgoing teacher for the SY25 school year and then take over for her in SY26. This would help immensely with schedule to be able to spread out the IEP minutes and then open up times for specials and much more flexibility to spread out core content.

ACTION: Motion to approve the full time Special Education teacher to start for the 2024-2025 school as submitted.

6. **BCBS RENEWAL:** Current plan is increasing a little under 9% for the new year. Typically the expectation for an ACA medical renewal is around a 10% increase each year so our renewal is in line with that. The nice piece of the renewal is that there are also no benefit changes occurring with our plan – just the rate change. Administration is recommending the renewal for BCBS plan starting March 1st, 2024. [BCBS RENEWAL ANALYSIS](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield March 1st, 2024 renewal as submitted.

7. **SUPPORT STAFF SENIORITY LIST:** The attached list shows the support staff seniority. Support staff have been given the opportunity to make sure the dates were correct. The Board just needs to accept the list. [Support Staff Seniority List:](#)

ACTION: Motion to accept the support staff seniority list as presented.

8. **BLACKBOARD TO FINALSITE:** Our website/Blackboard has been bought out by Finalsity and we will be merging our current website into their platform over the summer. We are in the process of renewing our yearly contract, now with Finalsity. Price will go up \$200 from last year to \$1040.

Administration is recommending the renewal of the contract now with Finalsite. [WEBSITE CONTRACT:](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the new contract, now with Finalsite for our yearly renewal as submitted.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION THAT MAY COME UP FOR ACTION NEXT MONTH:

Other Overall Other Discussion Items:

1. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WORK:(Goals) [SIP/PLC/CI/TI - SY 24](#)
2. ROE 47: ESWOOD Strategic Plan Work
3. ARCHITECT/Chuck Newman: [BUILDING UPDATES:](#)
4. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
 - Girls Basketball winds up this week with the tournament Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Kings. [BRACKET LINK](#)
 - Chess and Speech practice starts soon.
 - Track practice will start Spring Break.
5. Conference on Education: February 14-18th, 2024.
6. Threat Assessment Done/Overview

G. CLOSED SESSION

1. To consider and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

H. ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT