

Regular School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
7/29/2024 06:00 AM

Present: Director Waller, Director Adams, Director Fleurkens, Director Truscott, Ken Murray

1. Call to Order

Director Waller called the meeting to order at 6:00 am.

2. Flag Salute

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

3. Public Comments

There was no one signed in to speak to the Board.

4. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the presented agenda.

5. Close for Public Hearing on 2024/25 Budget

Director Waller closed the regular meeting at 6:02 am to go into the Public Hearing of the 2024/25 budget. Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed how the budget process works, items that affected the budget this coming year, and the beginning fund balances for the year's budget. For the 2024/25 school year, as part of the budget development, hearing, and review process required by chapter 28A.505 RCW, each school district must disclose:

- Amount of budgeted State MSOC funding: \$3,621,816. (includes CTE);
- Amount District proposes to spend for MSOC: \$7,840,503. (includes CTE);
- Difference between these amounts: (\$4,218,687);

The amount the District anticipates spending on MSOC exceeds the amount of anticipated state funding. Allison also included in the budget review the 4-Year budget projection of revenues and expenditures for all fund balances. The budget hearing closed at 6:25 am and the Board reconvened back to the regular meeting.

6. Reconvene Regular Meeting

Director Waller reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:25 am.

7. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

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

i. Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2024

ii. Hires

1. Kaitlyn Edwards, 6 Hr Sped Para at Columbia Ridge
2. Katherina Lee, 8 Hr Payroll Assistant
3. Anna Linday, 6.5 Hr Sped Para at Ephrata High School
4. Alanna Peterson, 6.5 Hr LifeSkills Para at Ephrata High School
5. Shon Schaffran, 1.0 ALE Teacher, District Wide
6. Sarah Moore, 1.0 Math at Ephrata High School
7. William Thurmond, 1.0 English Language Arts at Ephrata Middle School

iii. Revisions to Adopted 2024/25 and 2025/26 Calendars

iv. Myers-Stevens & Toohey 2024/25 School Accident Insurance

v. Payroll & Accounts Payable

b. Resolution 2023-2024-15 Adopt the 2024-2025 Budget

Director Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2024-15 Adopt the 2024-2025 Budget. Director Fleurkens seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. Resolution 2023-2024-16 Waiver of School Days

Director Fleurkens made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2024-16 Waiver of School Days. Director Adams seconded the motion. This resolution authorized the Superintendent, Ken Murray, to request two (2) days of the 180 day school year requirement be waived for the purpose of conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences in grades K-12 at the beginning of the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. Approve Purchase of RWC Sped Bus

Transportation Director, Adam Roduner, is seeking approval to purchase a new Sped Bus for the District fleet. The cost of the bus is \$191,551.78 and funds are available in the transportation fund. This bus is equipped with AC and noise canceling materials. With this purchase, we will have two (2) spare Sped busses in our fleet. Director Truscott made a motion to approve the new bus purchase. Director Fleurkens seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

8. Non-Action Items

a. Secure Storage Solutions

Starting this fall, EHS and EMS staff, along with a stakeholder group of students and families, will study the impact of requiring phones to be kept secured in teacher-controlled storage. The district is committed to finding the best solution that will help limit classroom distractions and help students focus on learning. As plans are developed both schools will communicate expectations with students, families and staff. The new, secure cell phone boxes cost roughly \$75 each and will be purchased for each classroom in the two schools, for a total expense of approximately \$5,500.

b. Update on Trademarks and Logo Use Process

Federal trademarks have been granted to Ephrata Schools for its three district logos, the "Ephrata E," "Archer Tiger," and "Hewitt Paw." Vendors and community members interested in using these logos are encouraged to request formal authorization for use before creating graphics and merchandise that carry these marks. An online form and rules for using the logo can be found at <https://www.ephrataschools.org/departments/public-affairs-and-communications/school-logo-usage>. District staff will launch an educational campaign this fall to bring awareness to this process.

c. Budget Report

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

d. Superintendent Report

1. PSE and the District have finalized the agreement, PSE needs to ratify and the Board should see the new agreement for approval at the August meeting. Allison and Ken are working with D.A. Davidson on a Levy to be run in 2025. This would be a 4-year covering 2026-2029.
2. If you have the chance to get to the buildings this summer you should. Adam Roduner and his crew are doing a fabulous job of updating the look of the buildings. Several summer projects are going on at this time: Preschool playground is being moved, Parkway is getting new doors and the exterior is being painted, Middle School is getting some new doors, the District Office campus is being painted. Work will be getting started soon on Grant and Ephrata High School's vestibules will be getting updated soon.
3. Our Leadership retreat in early June went really well. We have a renewed focus on our PLC Mondays to make sure we are getting the most out of the time allotted for this purpose. We are starting a new ALE Program for grades 5-8 this fall. The teacher for this program will be housed at Ephrata Middle School.

e. Legislative Update

The WSSDA General Assembly will be held September 20th and 21st. At the August meeting, the Board will need to review the upcoming proposals and see which proposals our District will be voting on.

9. Adjournment

Director Waller adjourned the meeting at 7:26 am.

Anita Waller, Board President

Ken Murray, Secretary to the Board