

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ESWOOD ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 269

January 27th, 2025

Eswood School Conference Room
304 N. Main Street

REGULAR MEETING

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

B. ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEM:

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [NOVEMBER 18th, 2024 MINUTES](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the November 18, 2024 Minutes as submitted.

D. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

E. SPECIAL REPORTS/UPDATES:

1. FOIA Requests:

Kathryn Casey: Katharine Casey, Ed. S.-Science of Reading Illinois

Request: Names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, the grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula, the dates the reading curricula were purchased, and our plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future.

Answered: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt-HMH

Angel Tormis: Organization: SteepSteel, LLC

Request: Copies of all active leases/licenses or management contracts for cell towers, rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on property owned or managed by the Eswood Community Consolidated School District 269, Illinois along with 24 months of associated payment histories.

Answered: None

2. MTSS for the 2025-2026 School Year: Presentation by SPED teacher Stephanie Ramos & Sup Garrigan.

(Discussion, no action at this time.) [SLIDE SHOW](#)

F. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Financial Reports- [DECEMBER TREASURES 2024](#), [NOVEMBER TREASURES 2024](#), [DECEMBER REVENUE 2024](#), [NOVEMBER REVENUE 2024](#), [DECEMBER EXPENDITURE 2024](#), [NOVEMBER EXPENDITURE 2024](#), [OCTOBER 2024 BMO](#), [NOVEMBER 2024 BMO](#)**

ACTION: Motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted for November & December 2024.

- 2. BILLS PAYABLE: [JANUARY 2024](#)**

ACTION: Motion to approve the bills payable for January 2024

3. **PRESS PLUS 117:** Administration is recommending to approve all of the policy, exhibits, legal reference updates and new policy, 5:150, Employee Request Form for Personnel Records. **Board Discussion needed on policy 6:60-Curriculum Content: Requiring instruction on climate change beginning 2026-2027 school year AND policy 6:60-AP1, taking a look at our already established policy of June 20th, 2022: “A motion was made not offer an NSES, and/or Developmentally appropriate consent education.” [EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:](#) [PLUS DOCUMENTS](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve all policy updates as presented for policy footnotes, exhibits, procedures and Legal reference updates as presented.

ACTION: Motion to approve as discussed.

6:60: Curriculum Content	Requiring Instruction on climate change beginning 2026-2027 school year.
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ACTION: Motion to approve as discussed.

6:60-AP1: Comprehensive Health Education Program	Procedure: Requiring instruction on alcohol and drug use and abuse to be age-appropriate, and allowing such instruction to include information from the Substance Use and Recovery Substance Guide (ISBE Website)
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4. **CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** CEP for Eswood that is now mandated by the state. Administration has collaborated with other districts to create this plan to meet the standards of the mandate and recommends the approval of the CED plan. [PLAN](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the cardiac emergency response as submitted.

5. **BUS DRIVER PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS:** Currently \$16.13/hr like to up it to ??\$22/hr (Less than \$50 more for an 8/hr trip (\$29/hr \$232-\$100 more) Administration is recommending an increase in the current field trip per hour rate to be raised to \$22/hour.

ACTION: Motion to approve the increase for the bus driver field trip rate as presented.

6. **ENGIE ENERGY DISCOUNT RENEWAL:** The District has entered into a contract with Engie in effort to keep down energy costs. The administration is recommending the renewal of the contract to continue holding down our district's energy cost. [ENGIE INFO](#) [ENGIE CONTRACT RENEWAL](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal of the Engie contract as submitted.

7. **NEWSELA RENEWAL:** Renewal for our Newsela Science instructional resource. Administration is recommending the renewal of Newsela for \$836. [QUOTE](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Newsela renewal as submitted.

8. **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL:** Yearly BCBS renewal. There are plan changes of a monthly overall increase of 12.6% (\$824 more). This is not unusual and has been higher in the past. 202. Medical increases are trending 10-22%, so 12.6% is good. Administration is recommending the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy as shown in the renewal documents that will renew on March 1st, 2025, keeping the same coverage as last year. [BCBS Renewal DOCs](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal as presented.

9. **Vision 2030: IASA:** Vision 2030 represents the second time education stakeholders fostered collaboration and unity among education organizations across the state to create an advocacy framework for public education in Illinois. Highlights include Mandate Relief, Future Focused Learning, Shared Accountability, Predictable Funding. Administration is recommending a Eswood Board resolution in support of the IASA Vision 2030. [VISION 2030: Board Resolution](#)

Action: Motion to approve a Eswood Board resolution in support of the Illinois Association of School Administrators Vision 2030.

10. **Model Student Handbook:** Illinois Principal Association's Model Student Handbook, gathers all of our district policies in regards to students and families, keeping the current communication up to date for the district. This is in addition to our district created, board approved Student/Parent handbook. Administration is recommending the renewal of the model student handbook of \$275 to ensure our policies regarding students are part of the overall communications to our families to safeguard any issues that may arise. [Handbook Subscription/Renewal](#)

Action: Motion to approve the renewal of the IPA Student Model Handbook as presented.

11. **Boiler: From Chuck Newman/Architect:** "As expected, Brian is proposing to replace the boiler room controls and service the boilers for a budget of \$20,000. I suspect he is leaving a little room for adjustment that may be needed for unexpected repairs to the equipment. I asked him to also evaluate the controls for the west wing with the VAV boxes and wanted to address the problem of the classrooms being very cold in the Fall as you and I had discussed previously. He went on to look at the controls for the entire building. In his report. He notes that the VAV controls for the west wing should be updated entirely. He is proposing upgrading the VAV units for a budget of \$9,900. I recommend the board consider adding this to this summer's scope of work. Updating the unit ventilators and fan coil units in the original building could be planned for a future maintenance grant. That will take an additional \$17,400, but feels it would extend the life of the equipment for several more years. We installed those units in 1992, and they have served the District for 32 years. The typical life expectancy of a classroom unit ventilator is 15 years."

Kirwan Mechanical Services QUOTE

Action: Motion to approve the

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

1. **Continuous Improvement Days:** May 27th & 28th and then August 4th, 2025.
2. **MTSS for the 2025-2026 School Year.** Presentation by SPED teacher Stephanie Ramos. (Discussed at the top of the Meeting)

Other Overall Other Discussion Items:

1. **FYI- #13 PUNS Requirement Information:** The board packet contains information regarding Public Act 103-0504 which mandates every school district must designate at least one employee in each school in the district to receive PUNS training developed by ISBE and DRS, *and must post on its website and include in its student handbook the name of the designated employee or employees in each school who has completed this training.* (MATT ZILM/Christina Southwick)
2. Electric Bus Grant: [INFO](#) Department of Energy Grant: (Currently with Midwest Bus Sales: They have electric models on the road today)
 - a. Early June, Fleet August 2026
3. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WORK:(Goals) [SIP/PLC/CI/TI - SY25](#)
4. ROE 47: ESWOOD Strategic Plan Work
5. Lindenwood Union Church Donation: \$250
6. BUILDING WORK: (ARCHITECT/Chuck Newman):
 - a. We are out to bid for our School Maintenance Grant work for Summer 2025.
 - b. Bleachers: Quote May 2022: [LINK](#) Benefits: ADA accommodations, telescoping-push back giving gym an extra 5ft. OR Gehrke: OTHER modifications Quote:
 - c. Stage Curtains: Erik still working on getting quotes
 - d. Mulch & Blacktop: Erik getting quotes
7. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: STEAM night: January 15th, Girl's Basketball began and Eswood hosts the tournament this year, February 25-27th, Student Council held a MS Dance in December and a Movie Night in January.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

I. ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT