

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ESWOOD ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 269

OCTOBER 28th, 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:

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [SEPTEMBER 23, 2024- MINUTES](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted.

D. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

E. SPECIAL REPORTS/UPDATES:

FOIAs:

- **NW Illinois News/Owen Wang:**
 - Active Shooter plan: [DENIAL LETTER](#)
- **Rick Wilkin, Vice-President and Membership Chair for Rock River Valley IEA/NEA Retired.**
 - Requested the name(s) and contact information for those educators (certified and non-certified) who will be retiring from your district at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school term. Reply: **Eswood does not have any certified or non-certified employees retiring this school year that we are aware of at this point.**

1. **Financial Reports-**[SEPTEMBER TREASURE'S 2024; SEPTEMBER REVENUE REPORT 2024, SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURE REPORT 2024, AUGUST 2024 BMO CARD](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted.

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

ACTION: Motion to approve the October Bills Payable as submitted.

3. **BUS/RECESS PARA:** Due to the transportation for our expelled student that will be attending Chana for the remainder of the year, we are working to hire Brittanny Somers to be a bus para to help with the

transportation of the student. Erik will ride the bus in the mornings, Norna and Richard are sharing the afternoons now, but once Brittany starts she will work the afternoon each day riding the bus and then also help with recess duty from 11:20-12:20pm each day. We offered her \$20/each piece. Currently, Richard and Stephanie are paid a second route each. She will start working as soon as she has all her required new hire paperwork completed. Administration has unofficially gotten approval for this hire from the Board president, but is asking for formal approval from the entire school board.

ACTION: Motion to officially approve the bus/recess para as submitted.

4. **FLAG POLES:** The rope on one of our flag poles had been broken for about a year. See the attached pricing estimate for repairs. Erik feels that it should take about less than an hour for one and suggests that we do both of them while we have them here and only have to pay for one service call. Administration is recommending the repair of the flagpoles under the current pricing. [PRICING](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the pricing to repair the flagpole as submitted.

5. **BUS & HANDHELD RADIOS:** Bus radios have not been upgraded for over 13 years and we have never had handheld radios for outside emergency situations. Handheld radios would be used for outside activities including, but not limited to PE, recess, and any walking field trips. One will be housed in the office, one for the elementary side and one for MS side. The quotes include all items needed plus 5yr repair, programming and such. Administration recommends the replacement of two bus radios for \$2598 and \$2708 for 3 handheld radios. (TOTAL=\$5306) [Bus Radio QUOTE](#) [Handheld Radio QUOTE](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the bus and handheld radios as submitted.

6. **Second Step 3-year License Renewal:** Our Second Step/SEL program is coming up for renewal. SEL is a mandate by the State, each grade level uses this curriculum during Morning Meetings to build a strong sense of community in their classroom and present lessons around different Social/Emotional skills. [3-year QUOTE](#)

ACTION: Motion to approve the Second Step 3-year License renewal as submitted.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

1. **SY 26 Calendar: [DRAFT](#): Highlights:**
- Start of school-Teachers-Monday, August 11th, Student ½ day, Tuesday, August 12th

- Last day of school- Students 1/2 day, Thursday, May 21st, Teachers Institute-Friday, May 22nd.
- Fall Break-Thanksgiving week off.
- Kept days off together as much as possible for longer weekends.

2. **2024 LEVY - TENTATIVE:** Summary: The 2024 Tentative Levy is provided for the Board's Review. The Tentative Levy includes EAV increased estimates at 5%. The Tentative Levy overall increases in local monies at \$61,381, avoiding the requirement for a Truth in Taxation hearing with a new dollars increase at 4.99%. [2024 TAX LEVY WKSHT](#)

3. **SY 26 TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN:** PERA Joint Committee held on October 9th, 2024. Minor changes were made to the SLO/Student growth worksheet and Pre-observation sheet changed to a teacher reflection summative sheet as a look towards next school year. [DRAFT SY26 PLAN](#)

4. **BLEACHER INSPECTION & REPORT:** Structural sound. Egress with handrails (Aisle), Handicap area. Currently okay with the state, but we are not currently with the code requirements (Grandfathered in) but we could have an issue if someone falls. [REPORT](#)

From Chuck-State **INFO: This is from the Health Life Safety Handbook:**

For construction contracted for design before July 1, 1965, requires compliance with Part 185.	Retroactive 93 BOCA Fire Prevention Code (Section 106.4) inspection requirements may be applied to bleachers contracted for design before July 1, 1965; an approved agency or individual shall conduct the inspections and provide a written report re: compliance with NFPA 102-1957.
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The original building that includes the gym was built in 1950.

There is nothing on the drawings that indicates the bleachers were installed at that time.

Assuming the bleachers were installed around that time, we are only required to comply with the requirements in BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS FOR HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (23 Ill. Adm. Code 185).

Part 185 of the School Building Code says:

Section 185.830 Bleachers

Grandstands, indoor and outdoor, and other places of outdoor assembly shall comply with the requirements of NFPA No. 102-1957 and Chapter I of NFPA No. 101-1963.

Kevin Foley at BR Bleachers agreed with Chuck's recommendation that the bleachers are structurally sound, but could be a liability if someone was injured or made a claim.

5. **Stage Curtains:** Main Stage representative, [Jeff Chesebro](#), reviewed our district's stage curtains and has provided a ballpark estimate of \$16,000 for replacement.

Other Overall Other Discussion Items:

1. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WORK:(Goals) [SIP/PLC/CI/TI - SY 24 \(NO ACTION\)](#)
 - a. **Illinois Report Card: EXEMPLARY**
2. **School Maintenance Grant SUBMITTED:** \$82,500: Bathroom Plumbing and finishes in Boys & Girls bathrooms by office. \$32,500: Replace outdated Boiler Room controls.
3. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball 2nd in Conference, 8th Graders took the PSAT 8/9 Test October 30th: Oct 16th, Scholastic Book Fair & Lunch w/a loved one. Elementary Halloween Parties and Parade: Oct 31st at 1:15pm. Teachers are dressing up as _____
4. **STAFF JACKETS:** Community Club/District
5. **IASA:** Illinois Association of School Administrators: Dr. Brent Clark: [VISION 2030](#) (Review, Share w/Board. NOT Public) GRAC: Government Relations Advocacy Committee [Powerpoint.](#)
6. **November Joint Annual Conference in Chicago:** Garrigan, Erin, Sandy L and Marissa. Staying at Royal Sonesta (Friday & Saturday. Board Dinner Friday Night. Christmas Parade Saturday Night.)

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