

APPROVED



Ephrata School District

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location

357 Alder ST NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Directors Present

James Adams, Josh Sainsbury, Matthew Truscott, Mike Fleurkens

Directors Absent

Casey Devine

Guests Present

Aaron Cummings, Cathy Wulf, Charles Flynn, Ken Murray, Sarah Morford

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

James Adams called a meeting of the board of directors of Ephrata School District to order on Monday Apr 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

C. Flag Salute

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

D. Public Comment

1. Megan Diamond shared with the Board her past experience with the District and is asking that the way her situation was handled be looked into so that it does not happen to anyone else in the future.

E. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the posted agenda.

F. Approve Minutes

Matthew Truscott made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-24-25.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Josh Sainsbury made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

i. Hires

- a. Ashley Jantzer, 1.0 fte School Psychologist/ECEAP Coach
- b. Aaron Glenn, EMS Head Baseball Coach
- c. John McMillan, Temporary 6 Hr Safety and Security
- d. Angela Godoy, 7.5 Hr Assistant Para at ECEAP
- e. Kimberly Gilreath, Parkway Intermediate Principal
- f. Esthela Garcia, Temporary 7 Hr Binigual Para at Columbia Ridge until end of 24/25 SY
- g. Esmeralda Fernandez, Temporary 7 Hr Binlingual Para at Grant School until end of 24/25 SY
- h. Shawn Beeman, EMS Assistant Soccer Coach
- i. Josh Warbiany, EMS Assistant Fastpitch Coach
- j. Kayla Tucker, 1.0 fte English Language Arts Teacher at Ephrata Middle School
- k. Gary Klepec, EMS Assistant Soccer Coach
- l. Nick Lobe, EHS Assistant Football Coach
- m. Jeremy Vasquez, 1.0 Business Teacher at Ephrata High School

ii. Surplus

Old EHS Weight Room equipment that is declared at no value/garbage: 2 standing tricep machines, 1 lat pull and with seated lat pull, 1 metal rack for misc bars, 1 glute ham machine with pad, 5 bend 45lbs bars

- iii. Approve Superintendent 3 Year Contract
- iv. Approve Assistant Superintendent 1 Year Contract
- v. Accounts Payable & Payroll

- vi. Second Reading of Policy
 - 1400 Meeting Conduct Order of Business and Quorum - Essential
 - 1450 Absence of a Board Member - Encouraged
 - 1733 Board Member Compensation - Encouraged
 - 1822 Training and Professional Development for Board Members - Encouraged
 - 3414/3414P Infectious Disease - Encouraged
 - 3420/3420P Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response - Essential
 - 3424/3424P Opioid Related Overdose Reversal - Essential
 - 5251 Conflicts of Interest - Encouraged
 - 5252 Staff Participation in Political Activities - Discretionary
 - 5405 Emergency Leave - WSSDA Retired
 - 6220/6220P Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements - Essential
 - 6959/6959P Acceptance of Completed Project - Encouraged

B. Approve Out of State Travel for EHS Football Team

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to approve out of state travel for the EHS football team.

Josh Sainsbury seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

The football team was originally scheduled to attend EWU's football camp this summer but that camp has been cancelled. Patrick Mitchell, Head Football Coach, is requesting approval for the football team to travel out of state for the camp at the University of Idaho.

Participants will pay their own registration fees and the football budget will pay for transportation.

C. Approve Overnight Travel Request for EHS Boys Basketball

Josh Sainsbury made a motion to approve the overnight travel request for the EHS boys basketball teams.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Rick Walter, Head Boys Basketball Coach, is requesting approval to take varsity and junior varsity players to a basketball camp in Newport, WA, that will require the players to stay overnight. Teams will stay in classrooms with the coaches. Cost is \$1,700 per team and will be paid out of the basketball budget. Travel will be provided by parents.

D. Approve Out of State Travel for School Nurses

Matthew Truscott made a motion to approve the out of state travel for the school nurses to attend the National Association of School Nurses conference June 26-29, 2025 in Austin Texas.

Josh Sainsbury seconded the motion.

Pam Cleveringa and Shellie Hansen, our school nurses, are requesting approval for themselves and Ali Heer to attend the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Conference, taking place June 26–29 in Austin, Texas.

The estimated total cost for all three attendees is approximately \$6,900, which would be covered by the District. This professional development opportunity will focus on evidence-based strategies to support student health and attendance, as well as nursing interventions for students managing chronic health conditions—topics highly relevant to our current and future health services.

We believe participation in this conference will directly enhance the quality of care and support provided to our students.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Asphalt Quotes for EMS Basketball Courts

Matthew Truscott made a motion to approve the asphalt quote for the Ephrata Middle School basketball courts.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

Camryn Hawes, EMS ASB Advisor, is requesting approval for the asphalt quote for the Middle School basketball courts. The court is used for sports activities before school and during lunch daily. Five (5) companies were contacted to submit a bid and only one (1), Eastside Asphalt, returned a bid.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approve Quotes for ADA Accessible Play Area at Ephrata Middle School

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to approve the quote for the ADA accessible play area at Ephrata Middle School.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Joan Fleming, Administrative Intern, is requesting approval for the quote received from Northwest Playground Equipment. This project will enhance mobility access, shade and seating, benefiting the Life Skills program and other students. Features will include accessible turf, concrete sidewalks and pads for shelters, picnic tables, seating areas and accessible swings. The total project cost is \$299,484, with \$100,000 funded by the OSPI grant. Work is scheduled for completion this summer.

G. Approve Hiring Advanced Classroom Technologies at Ephrata High School

Josh Sainsbury made a motion to approve hiring Advanced Classroom for the upgrades in the communication systems at Ephrata High School.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Sarah Vasquez, Technology Director, is requesting approval to hire Advanced Classroom Technologies to install the EPIC Classroom Audio, Video, Safety, and Intercom System at the High School. The current system is outdated and in need of replacement. The new system will improve classroom audio and provide a panic button for building notifications, along with updated bells and paging capabilities. Installation will begin during evening hours in May and be completed before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

The total project cost is \$365,888.70, funded by Ephrata School District Capital Levy dollars. Columbia Ridge Elementary, Parkway Intermediate and Ephrata Middle School currently utilize this intercom system.

H. Approve Purchase of New Staff Computers at Ephrata Middle School

Matthew Truscott made a motion to approve the purchase of new staff computers for Ephrata Middle School based on the quote provided.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Sarah Vasquez, Technology Director, is requesting approval to purchase 30 new staff computers to replace current aging devices. The quote is from Dell under the NASPO purchasing contract.

I. Approve Food Service Applying for the No Kid Hungry Grant

Josh Sainsbury made a motion to approve Alain Black applying for the \$25,000 No Kid Hungry Grant on the behalf of the District.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Alain Black, Food Service Director, is requesting approval to apply for the No Kid Hungry Grant on behalf of the District. This is a privately funded grant with funds available from \$10,000 - \$25,000. If awarded these funds would be used to help improve non-congregated summer meal distribution.

III. Non-Action Items

A. Budget Report

Superintendent Murray reviewed the budget report with the Board.

B. Superintendent Report

1. FTE Update - March's count had been reported as the highest in Ephrata's history, but the high school has identified that some fte's were adjusted too much. A correction is being worked on and we will update the Board once completed.

2. Facility Work - a) during construction we lost water to the portables at EMS. We are working with the City to get a frost free line over to the greenhouse, b) Still working on the roof draining problem at Grant, looks like it will require work this summer, c) All secure

vestibules at EHS are currently working, d) New doors at Parkway are installed and the glass for the doors will be installed next week, e) Columbia Ridge playground - all concrete has been poured and the transitional path needs railing and the transition strip.

3. Facility Study meeting took place last week, the next meeting will be May 12th. The key take away is that there are a lot of needs and wants district wide and our job is to identify the biggest needs.

C. Legislative Update

This year's legislative session ended last night. We did make some gains this year in regards to Special Education and MSOCs. There was a lot of support for funding special education in the legislature this year so they will be adding approximately \$245 million to the state budget for sped funding. MSOC funding increased by \$35 per student and with an inflationary adjustment we will maybe see an increase up to \$100 per student.

Altogether next year we may see an \$220,000 increase in MSOCs. Along with that we will also see 12 categories that the MSOCs will be split into versus the eight (8) that were in place before. There are no changes to SCAP funding in this year's legislative session.

The General Assembly window for proposals for WSSDA is now open and as a Board we may want to meet and discuss what areas we will focus on this coming year.

D. First Reading of Policy

110 Election - Discretionary
4260 Use of School Facilities - Essential
4311 School Safety and Security Services Program - Essential
4400 Election Activities - Essential
6605 Student Safety Walking, Biking, and Riding Buses
6630 Rail Grade Crossings - RETIRE
6690 Contracting for Transportation Services - Discretionary
6700 Nutrition
6701 Recess and Physical Activity - Essential

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Adams