

APPROVED



Ephrata School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

357 Alder ST NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Directors Present

Casey Devine, James Adams, Matthew Truscott, Mike Fleurkens

Directors Absent

Josh Sainsbury

Guests Present

Aaron Cummings, Cathy Wulf, 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 May 19, 2025 at 6:02 PM.

C. Flag Salute

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

D. Public Comment

There were no individuals signed in to speak to the board.

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 Special Board Meeting on 04-24-25.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

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

G. Approve Minutes

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-28-25.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

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

II. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Casey Devine seconded the motion.

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

i. Hires

- a. Melody Davis, EHS Head Dance Coach
- b. Cynthia Ellis, 8 Hr Secretary at EHS
- c. Paige Wood, Assistant Cheer Coach at EHS
- d. Eddie Martinez, Assistant Principal at EHS
- e. Rosa Placido Barajas, 1.0 fte English Language Specialist at EHS
- f. Vanessa Geer, 8 Hr Secretary at EHS
- g. Dinora Gomez, 1.0 fte English Language Arts/English Language Learner Teacher at EMS
- h. Scott Knudsen, Rte 13 Bus Driver, starts 25/26 SY
- i. Nick Lobe, EHS Assistant Football Coach
- j. Mark Riggs, EHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- k. Sydney Anderson, 1.0 fte 1st Grade Teacher at Grant
- l. Phil Trepanier, 1.0 fte 3rd Grade Teacher at Grant

ii. 2025-26 Service Agreements for Special Education Department

- a. 2025-26 NCESD Special Education Contract
- b. 2025-26 PT Service Agreement with Gretchen Hart
- c. 2025-26 SLP Service Agreement with Karen Patterson
- d. 2025-26 OT Service Agreement with Tandy Therapy LLC

iii. Donations

- a. Salcido - HVAC for the softball press box/clubhouse with a monetary value of \$32,293.84
- b. Ephrata Ace Hardware, Outdoor/Yard Powertools for the Maintenance Department, value of \$8,285.91

iv. Resolution 2024-2025-6 Delegating Authority to WIAA

v. Summer Athletic Programs

vi. Expanding Health Science in High School Grant Purchase using the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract.

vii. Technology for Recycling

The Technology Department requests the board approve the following Technology items for recycling. The items are old, no longer supported, in need of repair or at the end of life.

viii. Accounts Payable & Payroll

- a. 4/30/25 \$526,058.23
- b. 5/13/25 \$423,684.27

ix. Second Reading of Policy

- 1105P Electoral System - Encouraged
- 1110 Election - Discretionary
- 4260 Use of School Facilities - Essential
- 4311/4311P School Safety and Security Services Program - Essential
- 4400 Election Activities - Essential
- 6605/6605P Student Safety Walking, Biking, and Riding Buses - Encouraged
- 6630 Rail Grade Crossings - RETIRE
- 6690 Contracting for Transportation Services - Discretionary
- 6700/6700P Nutrition - Essential
- 6701/6701P Recess and Physical Activity - Essential

B. Consider/Approve Joining Eastern Washington Quality School Coalition

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to join the Eastern Washington Quality School Coalition. Casey Devine seconded the motion.

Superintendent Murray is seeking Board approval to join the Eastern Washington Quality School Coalition. This coalition is composed of like-minded school districts across Eastern Washington that collaborate with a lobbyist to advocate for public education at the state level.

Membership in the coalition would provide our district with a more direct and active role in legislative advocacy, ensuring our values and community priorities are represented. It offers a “boots on the ground” approach, allowing for hands-on engagement with lobbyists working on issues that align closely with our district’s beliefs and educational goals. The annual cost of membership is approximately \$2,000.

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

C. Consider Donation from United Way of King County

Matthew Truscott made a motion to accept the donation from United Way of King County for the Oliver Speedseal MX2.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

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

Alain Black, Food Service Director, is requesting approval to accept the donation of an Oliver Speedseal MX2 sealing machine from United Way of King County. Alain recently applied for funding through the No Kid Hungry Grant, but was informed that the request could not be fulfilled due to high demand. Following this, United Way of King County reached out to express their willingness to fund the purchase of the sealing machine directly. We are seeking your approval to move forward with accepting this generous donation, which will support ongoing efforts to improve meal service and distribution.

D. Approve Overnight Travel Request for Girls High School Basketball

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to approve the overnight travel and the possible out of state travel for the high school basketball team.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

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

Alain Black, High School Girls' Basketball Coach, is requesting approval for overnight travel and potential out-of-state travel for the high school girls' basketball team. The team plans to attend a basketball camp in Liberty Lake at the end of June, with travel extending over three (3) nights. Accommodations will be arranged through VRBO, where both players and coaches will stay together in a shared home to ensure supervision and team cohesion. Additionally, if time permits, the team may take a short drive to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho for a few hours of recreational activity. This potential out-of-state visit would be brief and fully supervised.

E. Consider Moving June 23rd Board Meeting to June 30th at 6:00 am

Casey Devine made a motion to move the June 23, 2025 board meeting to Monday, June 30, 2025.

Matthew Truscott seconded the motion.

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

Due to schedule conflicts in June, Ken Murray is requesting that the regular meeting be moved back on week.

III. Non-Action Items

A. District Attendance Update

Deb Knox, Assistant Director of Federal Programs/Teaching and Learning, gave an update on how our district is progressing in increasing student attendance and the work of the District PBIS Team.

B. Grant County Sheriff's Office Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) Presentation

Jeff Wentworth, Grant County INET, extended an invitation to the Board and all present to attend the City of Ephrata's City Council Meeting on June 4th. At this meeting he will be giving an informational presentation on INET.

C. Budget Report

Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed the budget report with the Board. She also advised the Board that our recent audit is done and we have no audit findings to report.

D. Superintendent Report

1. Thank You Allison for the clean audit report, that is a great piece of evidence of great work within our financial department.
2. New legislation has indicated that there will be an increase in sped revenue next year.
3. We expect to see an increase in MSOC funding next year, expenditures will still be higher than what we will receive but it is a positive movement from the legislature.
4. Project updates a) Columbia Ridge's playground transition is completed, b) Grant's secure vestibule is completely operational and we are still working on the roof issue, c) Parkway doors are completely installed and functionally with the exception of the thresholds, d) Ephrata Middle School, there is an issue with manholes not being the right size for equipment, we will work with Design West and Fowler to determine how this happened, e) Ephrata High School roof continues to be a major problem and we will most likely not be able to wait to address the issue in the bond.
5. Facility Study work continues with great progress. We will have more clarity for the Board after the June 2nd meeting.
6. Parkway's Lego Robotic team will be returning home this evening. This has been an incredible experience for them all. In all the updates received you could sense their excitement in attending. They combines with a team from Texas and finished 8th out of 50.

E. Legislative Update

1. Some changes to the LEA (Local Effort Assistance) funding and that's going to be a positive increase for the next two years.
2. Funding boost to end the 24/25 school year, in June school district will receive \$50/student.
3. There will be a reduction of \$138,000,000 in OSPI Grants.
4. Reduction of \$8.4 million out of the budget that was going to the ESDs for career connected learning and some admin functions as well.
5. Pre-amendment version of the general assembly handbook will come out on July 1st. We will try to keep an eye out for that so we can start reviewing it and see if we want to make any proposed amendments.

F. First Reading of Policy

3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences - Essential
3205 Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited - Essential
4237 Contests, Advertising and Promotions - Essential
4260P Use of School Facilities - Essential
5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited - Essential
6213P Reimbursement for Travel Expenses - Encouraged

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 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Adams