

Vision Statement

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ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

April 28, 2021

High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut

6:00 PM Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Dean Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Dean Cantu, Tom Conklin, Mark Davis, Bill Frietsch, Claude Keefer, Rick LeHew, Val Ramirez (absent)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Frietsch and Rick LeHew.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lori Caulkins-Union Co-President, Emily Brunnelson, Marcy Brugger, Tricia Little

4. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Tom Conklin, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. *Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting & Closed Session, 03/29/2021
- B. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- C. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- D. *Approval of Activity Fund Reports
- E. *Personnel – Resignation/Dismissal/Employment/ Leaves of Absences
 - a. Approve the employment of Tricia Little as 5th grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year at a salary based on CBA Salary Schedule.
- F. *High School Graduates, Class of 2021
- G. *8th Grade Promotion Students
- H. *Approval of 2021-22 Fees
- I. *Membership in Western Area Purchasing Cooperative for the 2021-22 school year
- J. *Approval of PERFECT Agreement

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – absent
Motion Carried 6-0

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. Building Committee. The final bill to Peoria Metro for the Gym & Locker Room remodel project will be paid upon approval at this meeting. We will have ended up with \$138,116.71 in the positive from the \$1.25 million we bonded. This money can be spent on other building projects (i.e. elementary HVAC).

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7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Wagner, Superintendent, reported on the following items:

- A. Peoria County Planning & Zoning Information. Information was sent to us regarding the 2020 Annual Report for New Homes in Peoria County. Elmwood #322 had 3 new homes built (8 in 2014, 2 in 2015, 2 in 2016, 2 in 2017, 0 in 2018, 4 in 2019), with 5 total bedrooms (24 in 2014, 7 in 2015, 4 in 2016, 4 in 2017, 0 in 2018, 10 in 2019).
- B. Board Convention. November 19-21, 2021. Registration for the 2021 Annual Board Conference is June 7, 2021. The Board needs to have a discussion on who wants to attend.
- C. USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant. Brent McArdle is a retired district superintendent from Lexington and former board member/past president at IASA. A few years ago he found out about a USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant that pays 85% of the cost to implement synchronous distance learning/video conferencing for rural school districts. He has successfully written the grant over the last two years to include 14 districts in central Illinois. I have expressed Elmwood's interest in participating in this grant in order to be able to expand learning opportunities for our students at Elmwood through the installation and implementation of a highly technological, interactive platform of monitors, cameras, and sound equipment to provide our students with a synchronous learning environment. This would go into effect for the 2022-23 school year if the grant is approved.
- D. May Board Meeting and Picture. Mrs. Caulkins has agreed to come take the new Board of Education picture at the May 24, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting.
- E. Administrator Reports

Mr. Dimitri Almasi, Elementary Principal, provided information on the following items:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Students in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th took the IAR, Illinois Assessment of Readiness, tests during the week of April 19th. Remote learning students are taking the assessments after school in the media center. We will be conducting make-up testing the week of the 26th.
- 5th-grade students will take the ISA, Illinois Science Assessment, the week of May 3rd.
- Spring benchmark assessments will take place May 10th - 20th.
- We are finalizing the students who will be attending summer school.
 - K-4th, June 2nd-4th, 7th-11th, 14th-15th
 - 5th & 6th, June 14th-18th, 21st-25th
- There will be no end-of-year field trips due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christy on the new addition to the family! Ronan was born on April 20th. Mrs. Hampton will be covering Mrs. Christy's maternity leave for the remainder of the school year.
- On April 27th, we held our Kindergarten Open House. There were three time slots provided to families to ensure social distancing. We have 43 students signed up for next year's kindergarten class.
- Thank you to everyone for your continued work to follow our COVID-19 protocols. We want to do everything we can to keep students learning!

ACTIVITIES

- JH Track has begun having outdoor track meets. Thank you to the coaches and players for your continual work to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines.

DATES

- April 25th-30th: IAR Make-up Testing
- May 10th - 13th: Virtual Spring Concert Recording
- May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th: No School (Emergency Days)
- May 20th - AR Cut-off
- May 27th - Last Day of School

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Tony McCoy, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, provided information on the following items:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT (REMOTE LEARNING)

- SAT Testing- Juniors took the SAT on Tuesday, April 13th. Assessment data usually is released to the school at the end of May
- IAR Testing- JH students will take IAR assessments during the week of April 26th. The students did not test last spring so we will compare the class data from Spring of 2019. Assessment data is usually released to the school at the end of August.

ACTIVITIES/FACILITY

- Spring Sports
 - Volleyball season ended on Thursday, April 22nd at Peoria Christian. We had a full season without any quarantines in Coach Appell's first season at EHS. By moving the team benches to the west-side of the gym allowed us space for home spectators.
 - Football season ended on Friday, April 23rd at Farmington.
 - Bass Fishing Sectional Tournament will be held on May 6th at Banner Marsh. The team has been practicing at the lake in preparation for this event.
- Summer Sports
 - Track- meets are scheduled to begin next week
 - Baseball and Softball- games started last week

DATES

April 30	Senior Last Day of School and Dismissal Time TBD
May 13	Class Day- presenters and Seniors only
May 16	Graduation on the Football Field
May 20	8th Grade Promotion- presenters and students only
May 27	Last Day of School

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. CLOSED SESSION – None

11. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

12. CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS. Peoria County has canvassed the election and has determined that Katie Vaughan, Mark Davis, and Kevin Windish are elected members of the Elmwood Board of Education voted in by the citizens represented in the Elmwood District Boundaries.

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Claude Keefer, to authorize the canvass of the April 2021 election and proclaim Katie Vaughan, Mark Davis, and Kevin Windish as elected members of the Elmwood Board of Education.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – absent
Motion Carried 6-0

13. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS. I want to take this opportunity and thank Mr. William Frietsch and Mr. Rick LeHew for their service to the Elmwood Board of Education, and for their support during their time on the Board. Bill has served since 2009 (12 years) as a Board member and Secretary, while Rick has served since 2013 (8 years) as an Elmwood Board member. Their contributions have been many in number and a great deal of work and success has been realized while they have volunteered for our school and community. Please take a moment to acknowledge their service and recognize their efforts as they “retire” from our Board. Thank you to you both!!!

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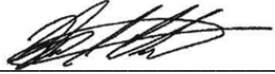
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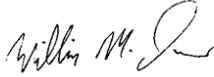
14. ADJOURN SINE DIE TO REORGANIZE

A motion was made by Rick LeHew, seconded by Bill Frietsch, to adjourn Sine Die at 6:21 PM for the purpose of reorganization of the Board.

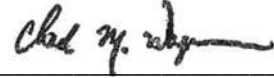
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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