

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

October 26, 2020

Elmwood High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: October 26, 2020 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Elmwood High School Auditorium

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

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lori Caulkins, Union Co-President, Mary Ann Hanlon, Doug Whitney.

4. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Mary Ann Hanlon addressed the Board on behalf of several groups in the community including the Elmwood Historical Society, Elmwood Alumni Association, and Elmwood Educational Foundation regarding promoting the rich history of our school and community. The Elmwood Schools will soon have the honor of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first graduating class from our public school; the Class of 1872. The various groups all want to be on the same page in promoting our community, our town, and our school. In preparation for the upcoming celebration, community members are very interested in getting the class pictures put back up in the school. Mrs. Hanlon stated that its very important to so many in our community who went to school here, and important for our current students as they learn our history and grow up to further promote Elmwood. The many community members look forward to the pictures being back up as soon as possible. Mary Ann thanked the Board for their time and attention on this matter.

5. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

***The following Action Item was requested to be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately by Board Member Claude Keefer. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Tom Conklin to approve Item H for an annual cost of \$3,72.00, adding the amendment for KED to review and consult on the data findings with the understanding that costs may increase.

H. Approval of WebCTRL Building Automation System Inspection & Support Agreement. Per the Building Committee Meeting's discussion, the administration is recommending the approval of a contract with Environmental Control Solutions, Inc., to biannual inspect the Automated Logic WebCTRL building automation system as outlined in the proposal for \$3,072.00.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – no; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes
Motion Carried 6-1

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Mark Davis, to approve the consent agenda items as amended:

- A. *Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, 9/28/20
- B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 10/19/20
- C. *Minutes of Education Committee Meeting, 10/20/20
- D. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- E. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- F. *Approval of Activity Reports
- G. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences
- H. *Approval of WebCTRL Building Automation System Inspection & Support Agreement PULLED

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes
Motion Carried 7-0

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Davis spoke on behalf of the Building Committee regarding: HVAC; possible summer projects for 2021. Rick LeHew thanked the members of the building committee for the outstanding job they've been doing. Their efforts have saved the school a lot of time and money.

Dr. Cantu spoke on behalf of the Education Committee regarding: Student Performance data regarding MAP testing; spring meeting will be scheduled.

Tom Conklin spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee regarding: Meeting Nov. 16th; levy & bond structure

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Levy Information for 2020 (FY22). I recently attended an annual seminar regarding the Tax Levy. For Tax Year 2020 (FY22), Dave Ryan, the Peoria County Assessor, is projecting a 1.9% EAV increase. I have been working on preliminary figures for the levy, and look to have it approved at the November meeting. As of right now, we look to have a decrease in our tax rate of \$0.01 based on my calculations. Enclosed is a preliminary copy of the levy in your packet.
- B. Administrator Reports
 - i. Retention Possibility

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Thank you to our families for attending the virtual parent-teacher conferences this year. The Elementary School had a great turn out. A special thank you to Mrs. Brugger and Mrs. Desplinter for helping organize the meetings.
- On October 14th, Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Inskeep completed the KIDS assessment for kindergarten students.
- Ms. Coppennoll and Mrs. Blum attended a virtual training session on October 15th for the Foundations reading program.
- Report cards were distributed to families before parent-teacher conferences. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades are utilizing standards-based grading. 5th and 6th grades are reporting using the traditional scale.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- We had seven Remote Learning students transition to In-Person Learning at the start of the second quarter. We appreciate all of the staff's hard work and effort to make the transition as seamless as possible.
- Elementary Quarter 2 Enrollment
 - In-Person: 275 (84%), Remote: 54 (16%)
 - Total: 328 Total Students

ACTIVITIES

- Congratulations to the JH Cross Country Team, Coach Herridge, and Coach Waddell! The boys' team won sectionals, and the girls' team placed 3rd. There will be no state meet due to COVID-19.
- The 2020 Halloween classroom parties will align with our COVID-19 guidelines.

MAINTENANCE

- The media center furniture was delivered on Saturday, October 3rd. Thank you to Gary Maness for unloading the pallets with his backhoe. Thank you to Mr. Sharp, Mr. Matt Almasi, Brody Williams, Ethan Anderson, and Jerry Harkness for helping unload the furniture.
- Thank you to Mr. Parm, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Matt Almasi, and Mrs. Jennifer Williams for helping install the furniture, bookshelves, and activity wall. We are ready for the space to be utilized after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

DATES

- October 30th: Halloween Parties, 11:30 AM Dismissal
- November 3rd: No School, Election Day
- November 11th: Veterans Day
- November 25th-27th: No School, Thanksgiving Break

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- The PSAT test was given on October 14th with 6 Junior students participating. This was a much smaller group than past years but it is a smaller class and we have a few students on the remote learning pathway that are not in attendance.
- NWEA data was presented to the Education Committee on Tuesday, October 20th. Teachers will use Wednesday SIP time to analyze the data, as well. I am planning on administering the IAR and SAT testing this spring.
- We kept our designations of 'Exemplary' on the ISBE Report Card. Everyone kept their same rating until we can complete state testing in the spring of 2021.

ACTIVITIES

- Jr High CC ended their season at the Sectional meet on Saturday, October 17th with the boys winning and the girls placing 3rd.
- HS CC will be hosting the Sectional meet on October 31st with new guidance from the IHSA.
- Virtual Open House was held on October 21 and 22nd. A big thank you to Marcy Brugger for using SignUp Genius to help with the time slots. Another thank you to the Elmwood Parents Club for the meals on Thursday.
- The band was able to perform a virtual showcase on Tuesday, October 20th. Mr. Waddell and I ran the camera so that families could watch at home on our YouTube channel.

DATES

10/30 School Improvement Day- 11:30 dismissal

10/31 CC Sectional at MLCC

11/3 No School for Election Day

11/11 Veterans Day Breakfast- we will have a drive up breakfast for the public

11/13 Midterm Reports

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

9. CLOSED SESSION – None

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary