

Vision Statement

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ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

May 24, 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 (absent), Mark Davis, Claude Keefer, Val Ramirez, Katie Vaughan, Kevin Windish

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Katie Vaughan.

3. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

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

5. **ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. \*Approval of Minutes of Regular and Reorganizational Sessions, 04/28/2021
- B. \*Approval of Minutes of Finance Committee-5/11/21, and Building Committee-5/20/21
- C. \*Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. \*Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- E. \*Approval of Activity Fund Reports
- F. \*Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Leaves of Absences
  - a. Approve the employment of Kyle Anderson as the Head Coach for Girls’ Track and Field for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate determined by the Extra Duty Schedule of the CBA.
- G. \*Review Closed Session Minutes – November 2020-April 2021
  - a. Approve the recommendation to keep the closed session minutes closed.
- H. \*Approval of Risk Management Program as presented
- I. \*Approval of Reschedule of June BOE Meeting from June 28, 2021 to Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
- J. \*Approval of Paraprofessional Pay for 2021-22
  - a. Approve the non-certified pay increase for 2021-22 to \$13.00/hour for starting pay, and the higher of 8.33% or \$1.00/hour for current paraprofessionals.
- K. \*Student/Parent Handbooks as presented
- L. \*Approval of 2021 Summer Work as presented for an estimated total of \$83,618.88.
- M. \*Approval of 10-year Health/Life Safety Amendment to add emergency lighting for a total of \$21,735.60.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – absent; Davis – yes; Keefer – yes; Ramirez – yes; Vaughan – yes; Windish – yes  
Motion Carried 6-0

6. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- A. Finance Committee. Dean Cantu provided a summary of the information from the May 11, 2021, Finance Committee Meeting.
- B. Building Committee. Mark Davis provided a summary of the information from the May 20, 2021, Building Committee Meeting.

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### **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- A. IDEA Performance Designation. The Individuals with Disabilities Act, Section 616, requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. ISBE has reviewed data from 2019-20 for Elmwood, and has given us the highest designation of Meets Requirements.
- 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, and notify the superintendent once a decision has been made.
- C. Administrator Reports

### **MR. ALMASI – ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL** **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT**

- 5th-grade students have finished the ISA, Illinois Science Assessment.
- Spring benchmark assessments have been completed and reports for grades K-2 will be sent home with report cards.
- Summer school lists have been finalized.
  - Mrs. McFall, Mrs. Blum, Ms. Coppernoll, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Coulter will be teaching K-4 summer school on June 2nd-4th, 7th-11th, & 14th-15th.
  - Mrs. Watts and Ms. Harris will be teaching 5th & 6th summer school on June 14th-18th, & 21st-25th.
- The 3rd-4th & 5th-6th virtual spring concerts have been posted to our YouTube channel and shared with families.
- Students will be keeping Chromebooks over the summer. The learning platforms will be available for families to utilize during the summer months.

### **STAFF/STUDENTS**

- Thank you to everyone for your continued work to follow our COVID-19 protocols. We will make it through the entire 2020-21 school year without shutting down our school or quarantining an entire class/grade level. There are not many schools in the state that can say the same!
- Thank you to Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Lane, and Mr. Valla for helping fill the roles of our staff members on maternity leave.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Bonnie Northrup on her retirement at the end of the school year. We will miss Mrs. Northrup's hard work, kind heart, and student-centered approach to education. She has been an asset to our school district, and we wish her and her family the best!
- Congratulations to Claire Vaughan and Silas Schmiegl! They were selected for our Illinois Principal Association Student Leadership Award. Due to COVID-19, we could not conduct our annual breakfast, but I will be buying them lunch!

### **ACTIVITIES**

- We would like to thank the Parents' Club for a phenomenal teacher appreciation week. A special thank you to Kim DeSplinter for organizing the Monday "punny" treats.
- The coaches will be offering summer camps for both basketball and volleyball.
- Mr. Sharp will be hosting open fields for the baseball team over the summer.

### **DATES**

- May 27th - Last Day of School
- June 2nd-4th, 7th-11th, & 14th-15th - K-4 Summer School
- June 14th-18th, & 21st-25th - 5th-6th Summer School

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### **MR. McCOY – HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** **WORKSHOPS**

- We hosted 2 vaccination clinics: April 27th and May 18th. The first clinic was for students age 16 and up while the second clinic was for ages 12 and up. We had a total of 70 students receive COVID vaccines.

### **ACTIVITIES/FACILITY**

- A big Thank You to Mrs. Meyers, Mr. Waddell, and the staff and community presenters of our Class Day Assembly. Over \$86,000 was awarded to the graduating class of 2021. We were able to have the graduates present for the assembly. Presenters were staged in the Lower Commons and were able to present their awards in-person.
- We celebrated the Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, May 16 in the HS Gym. Each of the 59 graduates were able to invite 5 guests to our indoor ceremony.
- IPA Student Recognition Breakfast was cancelled but I would like to share the names of the students that will receive certificates from me: JH- Olivia Stage and JH- Meg Hollis.
- May 3-7 was Teacher Appreciation Week. A big thank you to the Elmwood Parents Club for all they do to recognize the exemplary work of our staff.
- Track, Baseball, and Softball seasons are still going strong and are scheduled through the middle of June.
- Congratulations to our retirees: Chuck Vermillion and Karen Mottaz. We wish them the best of luck and spending time with their families and grandchildren.

### **EVENTS**

May 27, 2020	Last Day of School
August 16, 2021	Teacher Institute
August 17, 2021	First Day of School with Students

**8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION** – None

**9. COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**10. CLOSED SESSION** – For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public to determine its validity 5 ILCS 120/2c (1)

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Katie Vaughan, to go into Closed Session at 6:30 PM.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – absent; Davis – absent; Keefer – yes; Ramirez – yes; Vaughan – yes; Windish – yes  
Motion Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Claude Keefer, seconded by Val Ramirez, to go back into Open Session at 7:01 PM.  
Motion carried on a voice vote.

**11. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Claude Keefer to approve the following:

- A. Payment for Staff efforts during 2020-21 COVID Pandemic. The Board approved a one-time payment of \$750 for all staff members to show gratitude and appreciation for their efforts and support in keeping the students and staff safe and the schools open through the 2020-21 school year and the associated COVID pandemic.

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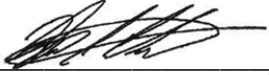
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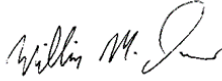
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM.

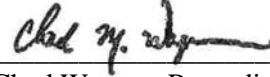
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



Mark Davis, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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