

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

June 29, 2020

Elmwood High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: June 29, 2020 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Elmwood High School Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Dean Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Mark Davis.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Chris Herridge, Jenni Davis, Bill Knight, Kristy Johns, Janette McFarland, Lori Caulkins, Michelle Windish, Lynn Dawson, Julie May, Justin May, Brook Herman, Ami Janson, Tina Ramirez, Elizabeth Livengood, Jenny Williams, Shauna Blum, Wendy Coulter, Sarah Inskeep

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

5. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. *Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, 5/18/20 & Special Board Meeting, 6/16/20
- B. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- C. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- D. *Approval of Activity Reports
- E. ~~*Personnel—Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences (PULLED)~~

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

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Bill Frietsch, to approve the following consent agenda item:

- E. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences
 - a. Approved the employment of Felicia Appell as Varsity Volleyball Coach and 7th & 8th grade Volleyball Coach for the 2020-21 season, and Conner Sharp as Junior High Boys' Baseball Coach for the 2020-21 season.

****The approval of volunteer coaches was requested to be discussed in Closed Session, and separate votes were made after that discussion.*

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

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. FY 2020 End of Year Projection.
- B. Peoria County Planning & Zoning Information. Information was sent to us regarding the 2019 Annual Report for New Homes in Peoria County. Elmwood #322 had 4 new homes built (8 in 2014, 2 in 2015, 2 in 2016, 2 in 2017, 0 in 2018), with 10 total bedrooms (24 in 2014, 7 in 2015, 4 in 2016, 4 in 2017, 0 in 2018).
- C. Administrator Reports.

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Speech services will be provided via tele-therapy. Mrs. Hoben has contacted each of our families.
- Education websites have been shared with families for students to access over the summer months.
- On June 3rd I was able to attend the LUDA (Large Unit District Association) virtual conference. The conference featured sessions regarding Remote Learning and possible scenarios for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. Inskeep, and I conducted a social distancing meet and greet for our incoming kindergarten families. We traveled to each of their homes and were able to discuss information usually communicated during our Kindergarten Open House Night.
- Thank you to all our families who responded to our Remote Learning Feedback Form. I will be sharing information from the form during the July BOE meeting.
- Registration information will be communicated to families after July 1st.
- Thank you to Coach Phil Johnson for your dedication to the JH Baseball program. We truly appreciate everything you have done to support our students
- Thank you to Coach Penny Silzer for your years of coaching the JH Volleyball team.

ACTIVITIES

- All IESA activities must follow the guidelines set within the IHSA Return to Play plan. IESA will be communicating out further guidance mid-July.
- The Parents' Club Golf Outing is still being planned for August 29th. The outing will follow all current guidelines and have an AM and PM golf flight.

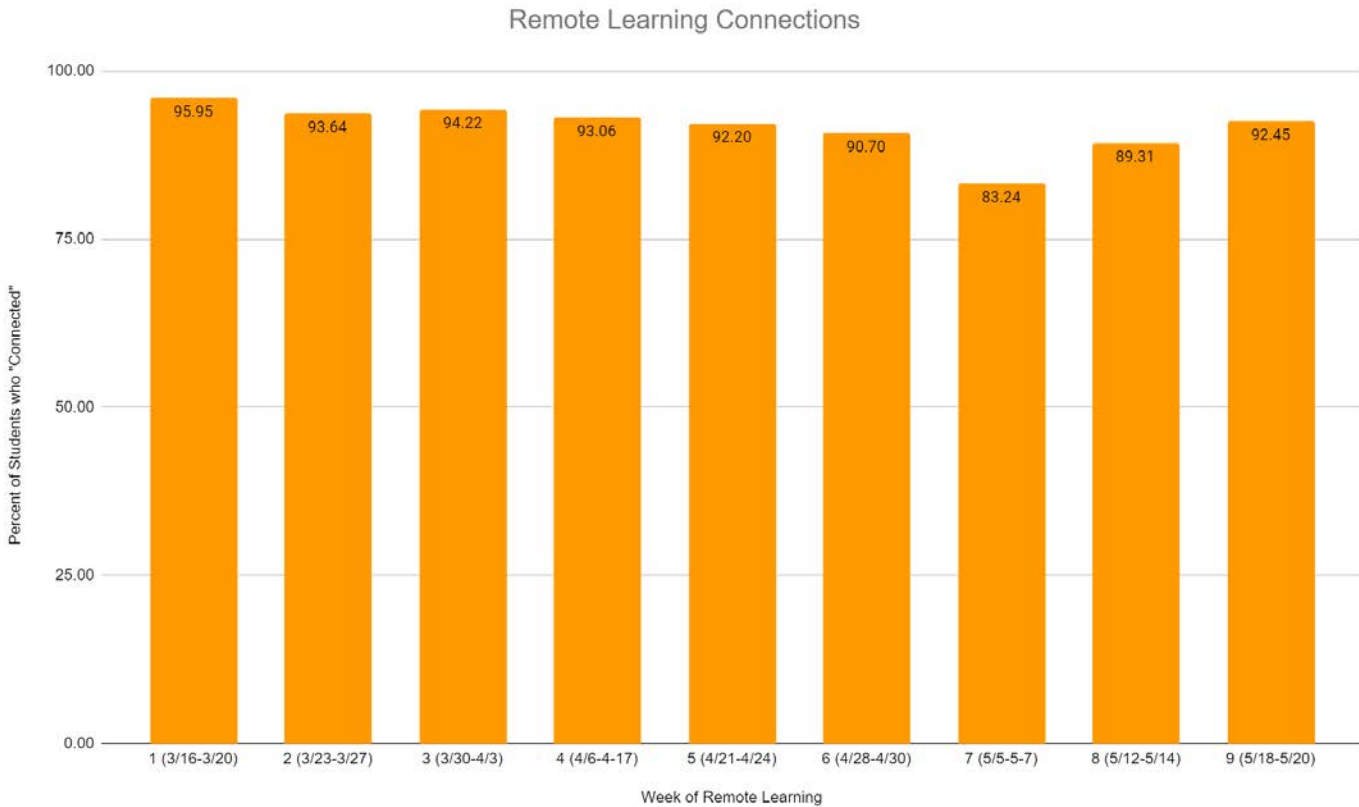
MAINTENANCE

- Thank you to our summer maintenance crew for your hard work! The team has all the elementary classrooms cleaned and waxed.
- We will begin working on the Media Center the week of July 6th.

DATES

- Teacher Institute: 8/17/20
- First Day of School: 8/18/20

ATTENDANCE DATA



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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Lori Caulkins English III class submitted work to the NPR Student Podcast Challenge and had one group that won an Honorable Mention Award. NPR had 2,200 student submissions so we were 1 of 215 that were given the award. Congratulations to Cassie LaFollett and Cassidy Gilliam for winning the award with their piece: "A Breath of Fresh Insanity".
 - <https://soundcloud.com/lcaulkins-124328594/a-breath-of-fresh-insanity>
- Tara Lopeman and her FFA students have been attending the virtual Illinois State FFA Convention. The convention usually lasts several days but the virtual events will take place through the month of July.

WORKSHOPS

- I attended a virtual conference about a career fair to be held at Peoria Civic Center on October 6th for our high school students. This is in conjunction with the JH Career Spark that is held during that same day.
- I attended the virtual LUDA conference on June 3rd - 4th. LUDA- Large Unit District Association offered this event for free and I saw that they had speakers discussing: remote learning, COVID 19 reopening strategies, legal and safety discussions, and instructional planning ideas.
- The Illinois Principals' Association Fall Conference will be moved from this October to February 2021.
- I attended the ISBE webinar on June 24th- Transition Guidance Part 3: Starting the 2020-21 School. We are on our way to returning to school with students on August 18th.

ACTIVITIES/FACILITY

- Summer maintenance and cleaning is progressing nicely. Joe and his crew have taken advantage of the school closure to get a head start on this annual event.
- IHSA guidelines were released on June 6th so that our coaches and sponsors could start meeting with students. Included in the Board packet are examples of our documentation forms. Coaches started meeting with student-athletes on June 10th and many expressed how happy they are to be engaged with their groups again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 9th- HS Graduation Ceremony - 1:00 on the football field**

ATTENDANCE DATA

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4-5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
	3/16-3/20	3/23-3/27	3/30-4/3	4/7-4/17	4/20-4/24	4/27-5/1	5/4-5/8	5/11-5/15	5/18-5/20
Grade									
7	86	85	86	80	77	70	68	67	80
8	88	83	81	78	76	76	79	x	x
9			2.92	2.75	2.69	2.5	2.44	2.55	2.34
10			2.55	2.46	2.05	1.78	1.95	2.22	2.58
11			3	2.59	2.34	2.36	2.39	2.68	2.94
12			3.07	3.09	2.84	2.93	x	X	x
		JH uses a percentage of work completed for the 5 core subjects;		HS uses a teacher reported score of each class	4- 100% work completed	3- 75 % work completed	2- 50% work completed	1- 25% work completed	0- no work completed

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

9. **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 Tom Conklin, to go into Closed Session at 6:24 PM.

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

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to go back into Open Session at 7:09 PM.
 Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Tom Conklin, to approve the following volunteer coaches for each of the specified athletics/activities for the 2020-21 school year:

JH Girls Basketball: Steve Herridge
HS Girls Basketball: Kevin Faulkner
HS Football: Alex Davis, Monte Kenney, Kevin Faulkner, Mike Walker, Tommy Bowers, Brian Gilles
HS Girls Cross Country: Lance Zaerr
HS Boys & Girls Golf: Kenny Blum
HS Spirit Squad: Sarah Christy
HS Bass Fishing: Joe Malone, Kolby Martin
HS Trap Shooting: Jeff Coulter

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

A motion was made by Rick LeHew, seconded by Val Ramirez, to approve the following volunteer coaches for each of the specified athletics/activities for the 2020-21 school year:

HS Boys Cross Country: Tom Gorham, Mike Sullivan
HS Boys & Girls Track: Mike Sullivan & Jackson Harkness

Cantu – no; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – no; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes
Motion Carried 5-2

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Bill Frietsch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Sherry Swindler, Recording Secretary