

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

November 25, 2019

Elmwood District Office

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: November 25, 2019 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Elmwood District Office

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 (absent), Claude Keefer, Rick LeHew, Val Ramirez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Claude Keefer.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lori Caulkins, Annie Herman, Alexia Herman

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

5. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. *Minutes of Regular & Closed Session Board Meetings, 10/28/19
- B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 11/19/19
- C. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- E. *Approval of Activity Reports
- F. *Review Closed Session Minutes - May 2019 through October 2019
- G. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences
 - a. Approve the employment of Kaylyn Taylor as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$10/hour for the 2019-2020 school year
- H. *Approval of PRESS Policy Changes and Updates as presented
- I. *Approval of the 2019 Levy (for the 2020-21 school year) as presented
- J. *Approval for Trap Shooting Team for Spring 2020 - TABLED

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – absent; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes

Motion Carried 6-0

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mark Davis spoke on behalf of the Building Committee – update on the 11/19/19 meeting; retro commissioning process; summer 2020 projects

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Administrator Reports.

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- On November 25th and 26th, the Center for Prevention and Abuse facilitated our annual Erin's Law state-mandated training for all students.
- Thank you to Mr. Hollis, Mr. Coulter, Mrs. Stewart, and Mrs. Krolicki for organizing the peer edit of our students' lab reports. Mrs. Stewart's students were able to partner with high school students to receive feedback on their lab reports.
- Thank you to our teachers for their hard work in accomplishing District Goal 2, "Data-driven instruction and research-based practices will be used to guide student learning." The SIP Team has targeted Guided Reading and is utilizing research-based Fountas & Pinnell reading strategies to provide our students with the best instruction possible.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Mrs. William's 5th and 6th-grade students participated in our annual Christmas Child Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A big thank you to all our families who donated items to help families and children in need.
- ISBE released emergency action to ban all isolated seclusion practices. We are proud to say that we have not used these practices with our students.
- Congratulations to Mr. McCoy for being named CIV High School Principal of the year.

ACTIVITIES/WORKSHOPS

- The October 31st institute focused on school safety and student wellness. Staff participated in Stop-The-Bleed training, reviewed safety drills, and Erin's Law training. We now have five Stop-The-Bleed tunicates placed within the Elementary School.
- On November 7th, Dr. Wagner, Mr. McCoy, and I attended the Behavior Threat Assessment training in East Peoria. The training provided best-practice strategies for our team to assess and action plan for threats to our learning environment.
- Mr. McCoy and I attended the training provided by NWEA Map on November 15th. The training focused on creating goals for our district and school-based on student data.
- Thank you to Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Pratt for providing our families with a festive-themed communication regarding our holiday concerts.

- On November 18th Mrs. Cross and Ms. Coppernoll attended an Executive Functioning and Self Regulating training through the ROE.
- Parent's Club Secret Santa Shop will be open December 4th and 5th for students.
- The girls' basketball team is preparing for their postseason.
- Boys basketball and cheerleading are in full swing.
- Our Trojan LEGO League participated in their first scrimmage on November 16th.

DATES

12/4-12/5 Secret Santa Shop

12/10 5th and 6th Holiday Concert 6:30 PM

12/11 3rd and 4th Holiday Concert 6:30 PM

12/19 AR Dance Party

12/20 Last Day of 2nd Quarter

MR. McCOY

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- On November 12th, Mr. Crisco and Mr. Fugitt travelled to Chatham-Glenwood HS to meet with their Physical Education staff to discuss implementation of PLT4M. Mr. Crisco has been using this computer-based weightlifting program with some of his classes.
- The Center for Prevention of Abuse came out to meet with our K-12 students on November 25th and 26th as part of our Erin's Law state mandate. I also used this time to address our change from our 'bully box' to the Anonymous Incident Reporting system.
- Mr. Almasi and I attended the NWEA: Essential Reports and Goal Setting workshop on November 15th. We will use the reports to help explain our NWEA data to staff and to help them plan for future instruction. The ROE will be providing three additional trainings this school year that will be attended by teachers, staff, and/or administrators.

WORKSHOPS

- The October 31st School Improvement Data agenda focused on School Safety. Teachers had hands on training with tourniquet applications, training on up-coming Center for Prevention of Abuse presentations/mandated reporting, and went to the Community Center to discuss our evacuation procedures.
- The administrative team attended a Behavior Threat Assessment workshop at East Peoria Central Junior High on November 7th. The information gained has helped us with implementing our team to help provide safety for our students and staff.
- Mr. Vermillion and I attended the IHSA Town Hall meeting on November 14th at Morton High School. We were able to vote on up-coming IHSA proposals and get a feeling of how the committee voted on various issues.

ACTIVITIES

- HS Volleyball won the Williamsfield Regional by defeating Monmouth United in 2 sets. The girls qualified for the Wethersfield Section where they defeated Ottawa Marquette in 3 sets before losing to Illini Bluffs in the Sectional Finals.
- The Elmwood Cross-Country Sectional was held on Saturday, November 2nd and concluded with the boys team placing 2nd and qualifying for the IHSA State Meet. The boys placed 5th as a team with Luke Hoffmann placing 22nd and earning All-State honors. It was a first for the cross country team and volunteers as they cleared snow from the course.
- Gregg Meyers will enter the ITCCCA Hall of Fame at a banquet to be held on January 11th. Congratulations and a well-deserved honor for all the Coach Meyers has done for our program and the betterment of track and cross-country around the state.

DATES

- 11/22-11/30 HS Girls Basketball at Brimfield Holiday Tournament
- 11/25-11/30 HS Boys Basketball at Wethersfield Holiday Tournament
- 12/4 JH/HS Holiday Concert- 6:30 pm
- 12/14-12/21 HS Girls Basketball at Knoxville-Abingdon Tournament
- 12/19 and 12/20 HS Final Exams

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)

Mark Davis made the motion, seconded by Claude Keefer, to go into Closed Session at 6:24 PM.

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

Tom Conklin made the motion, seconded by Mark Davis, to go back into Open Session at 6:38 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Sherry Swindler, Recording Secretary