

Vision Statement

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ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

August 30, 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, Claude Keefer (absent), Val Ramirez, Katie Vaughan, Kevin Windish

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Val Ramirez.

3. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Jenny Williams- Union Co-President, Lori Caulkins-Union Co-President, Jeff Lampe, David Mitchell, Emily Brunnelson

4. **PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & 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, 7/26/21
- B. *Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting, 8/17/21
- C. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- E. *Approval of Activity Reports
- F. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences - PULLED
- G. *Approval of Reevaluation of Bullying Policy
- H. *Approval of Policy Updates 6:310 & 7:40
- I. *Approval of Activity Fund Account Class of 2025

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

6. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS.** Board Member, Tom Conklin gave an update of the Finance Committee Meeting that took place on August 17, 2021.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- A. 2021-22 Budget on Display. An ad has been run in the paper to put the FY22 budget on display per state statute. The budget will be on the agenda for approval at the September 27, 2021, BOE meeting.
- B. Audit. The FY21 Audit was completed again by Gorenz, and Associates. Our Financial Profile score remained at 3.70 (on a 4.0 scale).
- C. Administrator Reports.

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MRS. BRUGGER, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Benchmark testing began on August 23rd and will finish by September 2nd. Students will be taking the AIMSWebPlus and NWEA Map tests.
- Teacher Institute was held on August 16th. Teachers used this time to prepare for the upcoming year.
- Thank you to our families and teachers for supporting our students as we begin another school year.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- It is wonderful to have our students back in-person. We look forward to all they will accomplish this school year.
- Each month our building is focusing on a theme. This month's focus is 'kindness'.
- We had many new paraprofessionals added to our team this year. Thank you for supporting the needs of our students.

ACTIVITIES

- Our annual back to school night was held on August 16th. This was a great opportunity for students and families to meet their teachers.
- New Staff Orientation was held August 11th. Welcome, Mr. Bowers, Mrs. Murdock, Ms. Little, and Mrs. Peters to our team.
- The Parents' Club Golf Outing was held on Saturday, August 28th. A huge thank you to the Golf-Outing committee for hosting another successful event.
- JH softball, baseball, and cross country have officially begun their seasons. Best of luck to all of our student athletes and coaches.

MAINTENANCE

- Thank you to our maintenance crew for all of your hard work this summer.

DATES

- September 2nd: Picture Day
- September 7th: 5th Grade Band signup
- September 3rd: Teacher Institute
- September 17th: Midterm

MR. McCOY, JR./SR. HIGH PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Back to School Night was held on Monday, August 16th with parents and students in-person. We had a modified schedule to help with social distancing. I was able to meet the Freshmen and Seniors in the gym and 7th graders in the auditorium to welcome them back for the new school year.
- MAP testing window opens August 30-September 10th for the JH/HS. We will be collecting assessment data in the areas of Math and English Language Arts.
- Spring testing day for the SAT will be the last week in March. We are on Spring Break during the state wide testing day of April 13th.
- Mrs. Meyers and I attended the ISBE webinar on August 4th. The speakers updated us on changes to SIS documentation on College and Career data.

FACILITY

- A big 'Thank You' to Joe Harkness, Bruce Bouchez, Stuart Ingersoll, Tina Foster, Matt Almasi, Cooper Hamby, Griff Wagner, and Adam Centers for their hard work getting the school ready for our first week.
- The class composites going back up! The custodial staff have class pictures prior to 2000 up but the rest will be hung in the Elementary Building on September 3rd.

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ACTIVITIES

- New Staff Orientation- August 11th. Combined effort of Mrs. Brugger and myself to welcome our new teachers and to prepare them to become a part of our learning community. We have 4 new teachers: Sarah Murdock (2nd grade), Kayla Peters (4th grade), Trisha Little (5th grade), and Tommy Bowers (HS Social Studies).
- Fall practices and events have started:
 - JH Cross Country, Baseball, and Softball seasons are in full swing!
 - HS Cross Country will have their first meet on August 31st at Metamora.
 - Golf has had several ‘hot’ matches at Maple Lane Country Club while spectators were very appreciative of our air-conditioned gym.
 - E/B Football had their first home game last Friday against Illini West.

DATES

- 8/30 MAP testing window opens
- 9/2 Picture Day
- 9/3 No School- School Improvement Day
- 9/17 Midterm Grades for Quarter 1

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION. Board Member, Val Ramirez commented that it was good to see kids getting back to school, noting sports and extra-curriculars in a more “normal” situation this year.

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 Mark Davis, seconded by Tom Conklin, to go into Closed Session at 6:16 PM.

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

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Kevin Windish, to go back into Open Session at 6:35 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Kevin Windish to approve the following:

- F. *Personnel – Resignation/Dismissal/Employment/Leaves of Absences
 - a. Approve the employment of Brittany Hulslander, Luann Landau, and Kayla Faris as Elementary paraprofessionals at a rate of \$13/hour for the 2021-22 school year.
 - b. Approve the maternity leave of Kayla Peters from September 6, 2021 (tentative), to November 1, 2021.
 - c. Approve the salary increases of custodian Tina Foster to \$18.18/hr., and Bruce Bouchez to \$20.00/hr.
 - d. Approve the hourly rate for behind the wheel instruction for Driver’s Education to \$25/hr.
 - e. Approve the employment of Jared Harkness as HS Boys’ Track Asst. coach at a salary as determined by the CBA Extra Duty Schedule.

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Motion Carried 6-0

11. ADJOURNMENT

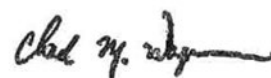
A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Kevin Windish, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



Mark Davis, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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