

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

July 27, 2020

Elmwood High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: June 27, 2020 / 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Elmwood High School Auditorium

1. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Dean Cantu called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Dean Cantu, Tom Conklin (absent), Mark Davis, Bill Frietsch (remote), Claude Keefer, Rick LeHew, Val Ramirez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick LeHew.

3. 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 Mark Davis, to go into Closed Session at 5:02 PM.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – (absent); Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – yes; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes
Motion Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to go back into Open Session at 5:50 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

4. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lori Caulkins, Jen Watts, Jenny Williams, Caren Ramsay, Kristy Johns, Rocky Eldridge

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

7. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA (Tom Conklin joined the meeting at 6:00pm)

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Rick LeHew, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. *Minutes of Regular & Closed Session Board Meetings, 6/29/20
- B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 7/8/2020
- 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
 - a) Approval of the following volunteer coaches for each of the specified athletics/activities for the 2020-21 school year: JH Boys' Baseball – Tucker Blum & Brett Stevens; JH & HS Girls' Volleyball – Kayla Peters
- G. *PRESS Policies – (updates to the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service)
- H. *ISBE Schoolwide Waiver, Title I Plan, Consolidated District Plan
 - a) Our district will apply for a schoolwide waiver for our Title grants once again this year in order to have more versatility in how we spend the federal dollars. Additionally, we need to have the Title I Plan as well as the Consolidated District Plan approved.
- I. *Resolution to Approve Return to School Plan for 2020-21
 - a) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the district was required to develop a Return to School Plan for the upcoming school year. This plan needed to have a plan for in-person learning, a Remote Learning Plan (everyone learning remotely at home), and a Blended Learning Plan (a combination of Remote and in-person learning).
- J. *Approval of Student/Parent Handbooks for 2020-21 as presented.

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

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. Building Committee Report (from 7/8/20)

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. FY 2020 End of Year Report. Enclosed in your packets is the “Elmwood Budget Summary FY20 FINAL” document. We ended the year on a positive note, accruing \$81,318.16 in the Operational Funds (Ed, O&M, Tran., WC). This is the sixth consecutive year that we have attained a positive fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Thanks go out to administrators and teachers for being fiscally responsible while providing a quality education for our students.
- B. Administrator Reports.

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Bright Futures screenings were held on July 13th and 14th.
- Our Return to School Plan was distributed to families on July 16th. A big thank you to our team members for your efforts in ensuring our students receive a safe and valuable learning experience.
- A survey has been sent to families to find out if they would prefer In-Person or Remote instruction for this 2020-2021 school year.
- The teachers and I have been meeting to prepare for the start of the school year. Our meetings have focused on keeping our students safe and providing them with the best educational experience possible.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- The Elementary Student Handbook has been updated with current legislative mandates.
- Registration information has been provided to families.
- Class lists are being adapted based upon students who will be learning In-Person or Remote. The lists will be available before the start of school.
- The annual bus driver fresher course and transportation meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

ACTIVITIES

- The IESA will be providing information regarding fall sports in the coming days.
- Kindergarten will be having an in-person back to school night. Grades 1st through 6th will be providing families with a virtual back to school night.
- New Staff Orientation will take place the week of August 3rd.
- 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 Media Center carpet has been removed, old cabinets repurposed, and Merrick’s will be completing the flooring installation.

DATES

- First Softball Practice and Parent Meeting: 7/28/20
- First Baseball Practice and Parent Meeting: 8/3/20
- First Cross Country Practice and Parent Meeting 8/3/20
- Teacher Institute: 8/17/20
- First Day of School: 8/18/20

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- I met with faculty to discuss our back to school guidelines and remote learning plans. We talked about the logistical issues surrounding our in-learning students return and how we will best provide remote learning to those not in attendance.

WORKSHOPS

- I attended the SEAPCO remote learning Q/A session on Tuesday, July 21st held at Pleasant Valley Middle School. We were able to get the latest updates about Special Education laws and services during our in-person and remote learning instruction plans.

FACILITY

- Joe and the custodial work crew have been working on our summer projects. JH/HS classrooms and restrooms have been cleaned and waxed. The Upper Commons is getting prepped and we are waiting on the weight room construction to finish the Lower Commons.

ACTIVITIES

- Summer training and conditioning programs have continued as we follow the ISBE, IHSA, and IPHD guidelines. As of today, we are waiting for more information on the fall seasons.
- New Staff Orientation- planned for the week of August 3rd for Mr. Sharp and Miss Appell's arrival to Elmwood 322.
- Registration for the 20-21 school year opened to online registration on Friday, July 17th.
- Virtual Back to School Night will be released August 17 beginning at 6:00 PM. 7th and 9th grade students will be able to come in-person by scheduling an appointment. This will ensure that we keep under the 50 person capacity in the JH and HS hallways.
- Graduation for the Class of 2020 is August 9th at 1:00 on the football field.

10. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Mark Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary