

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

May 18, 2020

*Online Google Meeting

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: May 18, 2020 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Online Google 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, Bill Frietsch, Claude Keefer, Rick LeHew,
Val Ramirez

Staff Present: Dr. Wagner, Tony McCoy, Dimitri Almasi

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Wagner.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Joanne Carlson, Luann Landau, Lori Caulkins, Jennifer Williams, Dianne Burwell, Shauna Blum, Sarah Christy, Kristy Johns, Bill Knight

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

5. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. *Approval of Minutes of Regular and Closed Sessions, 04/27/2020

B. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills

C. *Approval of Treasurer's Report

D. *Approval of Activity Fund Reports

E. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Leaves of Absences

F. *Review Closed Session Minutes – November 2019-April 2020

a. Approval of keeping the closed session minutes closed

~~G. *Approval of Risk Management Program~~ PULLED

H. *Approval of Reschedule of June BOE Meeting (from June 22, 2020 to June 29, 2020)

I. *Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement (FY 2020-2023 as presented)

J. *Approval of Non-certified pay for 2020-21 (3% increase)

K. *Approval of Installation of Roof Top Units (by Montefusco for a total of \$88,850)

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 Mark Davis, to approve the following consent agenda item:

G. *Approval of Risk Management Program for 2020-21 as presented

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – yes; Keefer – no; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes

Motion Carried 6-1

6. ACTION ITEM

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Mark Davis, to approve the following action item:

- A. Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,250,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, of the District for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities, including the remodeling of gymnasium and locker room facilities, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of the bonds to Morton Community Bank, Morton, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

8. 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 2018-19 for Elmwood, and has given us the highest designation of Meets Requirements.
- B. Elementary Media Center. Mr. Almasi will be presenting the redesign of the Elementary library to meet the needs of our students with an IDEA Studio “Jr.” concept. If funds are available at the end of this fiscal year, (FY20), the administration is recommending that we purchase the furniture and flooring to make this space available for our students by the start of the 2020-21 school year.
- C. Administrator Reports

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- A BIG thank you to the Elmwood families for helping facilitate Remote Learning with our students. We truly could not provide learning opportunities for our students without our families’ support.
- Our staff utilized the May 11th SIP day to finalize our end of year items and begin preparing for the start of the next school year.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Thank you to everyone for following the supply pick-up procedures on April 30th. The schedule worked out great!
- We will be having report card pick-up and drop-off on May 20th, our last day of school. The same procedures and schedule from the supply pick-up will be followed.
- Thank you to Mr. Jim Valla and Mrs. Laura Endres for your dedication to the Elmwood School District! They are both retiring at the end of the year.
- Thank you to our Parents’ Club for facilitating a great teacher appreciation week! Staff were provided goodie bags, shout-outs on social media, and free coffee throughout the week.
- Chromebooks will be kept by all students in grades 1st through 6th. We will be providing families with websites and learning platforms for students to access throughout the summer.

ACTIVITIES

- All IESA and school activities have been canceled or postponed until a later date.
- The Parents’ Club Golf Outing is still being planned for August 29th.

DATES

- Last Day School: 5/20/20
- 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:

WORKSHOPS

- I attended a webinar that discussed NWEA testing and SAT information to prepare for next fall.
- I attended a virtual meeting put on by IPA that discussed questions and concerns for returning in the fall and the possibility of continuing remote learning. Attendants have access to a shared document of questions, possible solutions, and resources.

ACTIVITIES/FACILITY

- A big Thank You to Mrs. Meyers, Mr. Waddell, and the staff and community presenters of our Virtual Class Day Assembly.
- Again, I would like to thank Mr. Waddell for helping me record the 8th Grade Promotion Virtual Ceremony. The video was released on Friday, May 15 so students, families, and the community to watch the presentation of awards and the roll call of the future class of 2024.
- IPA Student Recognition Breakfast was cancelled but I would like to share the names of the students that will receive certificates from me: JH- Lauren Feller and HS- Kate Meyers.
- We showed our gratitude and didn't forget to celebrate Secretaries Day and Bus Driver Appreciation Day on April 22 and 30.
- May 4-8 was Teacher Appreciation Week. A big thank you to the Elmwood Parents Club all they do to recognize the exemplary work of our staff.
- The PE department and coaches made sure the gym, offices, and storage areas were ready for the construction project. Joe Harkness and the custodial crew did the heavy lifting of the weight room items into the Commons.
- May 5th was the last day for our Senior Class of 2020. Locker items were given back, Chromebooks/textbooks were collected, and they were able to stay in their cars as the office staff assisted. The students were then escorted around town by the Elmwood Police Department. Thank you to Chief Aaron Bean and Officer Mike Darrah.

EVENTS

May 20, 2020	Last Day of Remote Learning
June 27, 2020	Grand March and Prom
August 9, 2020	Graduation
August 17, 2020	Teacher Institute
August 18, 2020	First Day of School with Students

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION - None

12. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Rick LeHew, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary