

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

September 28, 2020

Elmwood High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: September 28, 2020 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Elmwood High School Auditorium

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 Mark Davis.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Jennifer Williams

4. PUBLIC HEARING – 2020-21 Budget

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Mark Davis, to open the public hearing for the 2020-21 Elmwood District #322 Budget.

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

Opportunity for Public Comment concerning the 2020-21 Elmwood District #322 Budget.

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to close the public hearing concerning the 2020-21 Elmwood District #322 Budget.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

6. ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA

***The following Action Items were requested to be pulled and voted on separately by Board Member Claude Keefer. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Mark Davis to approve Items E & I, which were removed from the Consent Agenda:

E. *Approval of Activity Reports

I. *Approval of High School Activity Fund Account Transfers

a. Mr. McCoy has requested the transfers of the following activity accounts:

- i. \$1,239.20 from Sound and Lights to Drama Club (no activity since 2013-14)
- ii. \$320.12 from FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) to Student Projects (no activity since 2018-19)
- iii. \$1,224.90 from Pop Fund to Misc. Fund (no activity since 2018-19)
- iv. \$265.49 from Class of '18 to Misc. Fund (no activity since 2018-19)
- v. \$191.48 form Class of '19 to Misc. Fund (no activity since 2019-20)

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Frietsch – absent; Keefer – no; LeHew – yes; Ramirez – yes
Motion Carried 5-1

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

- A. *Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, 8/31/20
- B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 9/9/20
- C. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- E. ~~*Approval of Activity Reports - PULLED~~
- F. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences
 - a. Approve the employment of Danielle Hunsley as an Elementary Aide at a rate of \$11.00/hour for the 2020-2021 school year.
- G. *Approval of Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits—School Year 2020 Report
- H. *Approval of 2020-21 Budget
- I. ~~*Approval of High School Activity Fund Account Transfers - PULLED~~
- J. *Approval of Change of Date for April 2021 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – from Monday, April 26, to Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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

A motion was made by Claude Keefer, seconded by Rick LeHew, that the Board consider writing a policy for the administration of the activity funds for the purpose of clarification, training, and the transfer of knowledge to future employees. Discussion followed.

Cantu – no; Conklin – no; Davis – yes; Frietsch – absent; Keefer – yes; LeHew – no; Ramirez – no
Motion Failed 4-2

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Davis spoke on behalf of the Building Committee regarding: HS locker rooms and bleacher renovations

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. AASA National Conference. This is typically the month I request to attend the AASA National Conference. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event has been cancelled.
- B. Administrator Reports.

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Fall benchmark testing, AIMSWeb Plus and NWEA Map, has been completed.
- Families have received benchmark scores and the instructional grouping information for their student(s). Thank you to Mrs. McFall, Mrs. Burwell, and all our teachers for coordinating our fall benchmark assessments.
- On September 11th, each grade level conducted our tri-annual data meetings. We analyzed each students' benchmark scores and placed them into the appropriate academic setting.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year. Communication will be coming out to families at the beginning of October for families to sign-up.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- We had 29 Remote Learning students transition to In-Person Learning today. We appreciate all of the staff's hard work and effort to make the transition as seamless as possible.
- Four students will be transitioning from Remote Learning to In-Person Learning at the end of the first quarter.

ACTIVITIES

- Congratulations to Coach Sharp and the JH baseball team. The team lost a challenging regional game to end their season but improved tremendously throughout the season.
- The JH softball team and Coach Coppennoll had a tough loss in their regional to end their season as well. Thank you for all your hard work over the season!
- Cross Country is having another fantastic season! A big thank you to Coach Herridge and Coach Waddell for

their hard work.

- With the updated IESA calendar, boys basketball can start practice January 4th. Girls' volleyball can start practice January 11th.

MAINTENANCE

- The furniture for the media center should be delivered this Friday, October 2nd. A few of the materials have been on backorder due to the pandemic.
- The Regional Office of Education conducted our annual Health Life Safety Inspection on September 22nd.

DATES

- October 6th: Parents' Club Meeting
- October 6th: Picture Retake
- October 12th: No School, Columbus Day
- October 16th: End of 1st Quarter
- October 21st and 22nd: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 23rd: No School

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

- MAP testing window closed Sept 11th for our fall testing. Teachers did an amazing job of assessing students in-person and remotely.
- SAT and PSAT testing is scheduled for October 14th. Mrs. Meyers and I are going over the logistics and plans to ensure that we follow IDPH guidelines.
- Teachers utilized the September 25th Remote Planning Day to collaborate and attend sessions put on by our teachers for remote learning.

FACILITY

- ROE Health and Life Safety inspection was held on Tuesday, September 22nd. The report will be on file in the district office.
- Bleachers, Lockers, and Wall Pads are installed!!! Coaches and students have been excited to use the remodeled gym areas.

ACTIVITIES

- Fall Activities are in full swing- HS and JH Cross Country and HS Golf. JH Baseball and Softball seasons have ended with Regional competitions. The IHSA has extended the golf and CC seasons to a Sectional Finals event.
- Open gyms and contact days have started for the HS winter, spring, and summer activities.
- Virtual meetings have taken place for Student Council, Speech, Drama, FFA, and more! LEGO League and Mrs. Alcaraz have organized virtual challenges that will start next month.

DATES

10/3	HS Cross Country at 9:30 at Maple Lane Country Club (5 teams)
10/6	Picture Retake Day
10/12	NO SCHOOL
10/14	SAT and PSAT testing day
10/16	End of Quarter 1
10/21	Parent-Teacher Conferences (virtual meetings)
10/22	Parent-Teacher Conferences (virtual meetings)
10/23	NO SCHOOL

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

Rick LeHew complimented Superintendent, Wagner on his decision to allow Q1 remote learning students to come back in-person early. Dr. Wagner again thanked Mr. Almasi, Mr. McCoy, and the teachers for their efforts during that process.

Dr. Wagner also mentioned Elmwood Community Schools has two confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among our in-person student population which through contact tracing has led to the quarantine of an additional 30 students. The IDPH guidelines dictate that these students must be physically removed from our schools for 14 days. All quarantined students must receive a letter of release from the IDPH before they can come back to school in person.

Dr. Cantu thanked the administration for implementing & overseeing the schools' contact tracing data plan. He went on to thank teachers and parents for working together with the same goal in mind & recognizing the roles they play during COVID-19. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Val Ramirez thanked Mr. Sharp on a great season and job well done on his first year coaching JH boys baseball here at Elmwood. Congratulations!

10. CLOSED SESSION – None

11. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Tom Rick LeHew, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary