

Vision Statement

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ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

February 22, 2021

High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: February 22, 2021 / 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 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 Rick LeHew.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lori Caulkins-Union Co-President, Brett Powers, Marcy Brugger, Jeff Lampe

4. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & 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:

- A. *Minutes of Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session, 1/25/2021
- B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 2/10/2021 and Education Committee Meeting, 2/18/2021
- C. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- E. *Approval of Activity Fund Reports
- F. *Personnel—Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absence
 - a. Approval of Lindsey Lamie as a part-time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$11/hour for the 2020-21 school year.
- G. *Approval of TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution. TRS is offering an investment opportunity for its members similar to that of a 403(b), but referred to as a 457(b). The participation agreement is required by Section 457(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and must be formally adopted, signed and returned to the System in order for an employer's TRS-covered members to be eligible to participate in the SSP.
- H. *Approval of Athletic Cooperative. The administration is recommending to re-new its co-op participation for the next two seasons with Brimfield High School in football, boys' and girls' cross country, spirit squad, boys' and girls' track and field, baseball, and softball for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.

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 regarding: February 10, 2021 meeting. The committee discussed HVAC; Summer 2021 Projects; and 10-year Health Life Safety – “B” list items.

Dr. Dean Cantu spoke on behalf of the Education Committee regarding: February 18, 2021 meeting. The committee discussed MAP/IAR assessments

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7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Internal Transfer. The 7th grade English position was posted for 10 days per the CBA. During that time, Laura Stewart, current 5th grade teacher, requested to transfer to the Junior High and assume that role. Her request is being honored, and we will post for her vacancy in the elementary.
- B. Administrator Reports

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Data meetings took place on February 3rd. The teachers and I analyzed every student's benchmark scores, adjusted instruction groupings, and created updated instructional strategies to support our new student data.
- Families have received their student(s)'s winter benchmark data. A letter was also sent home if adjustments to RTI interventions and instructional groupings were made.
- On February 16th, we utilized a remote learning day due to the weather. Thank you to everyone who helped keep our students learning outside of the school.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Our staff and students are continuing to follow the guidelines set forth by our Return-to-School Plan. Thank you for your continued adherence to our guidelines and safety measures. Our team will continue to follow the guidelines and keep our school operating to the best of our ability.
- Our staff that has elected to receive the vaccine have signed up through IDPH. We are providing coverage for them to receive it and happy to offer our staff the opportunity.

ACTIVITIES

- JH girls volleyball and JH boys basketball are following IDPH and IESA guidelines for all practices and games. We will continue to keep everyone updated as we receive more information on post-seasons and schedules.
- All home basketball and volleyball games will be live-streamed on our district YouTube channel.
- Thank you to our parents and teachers for making the Valentine's Day classroom parties fun and COVID safe for our students.
- Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Inskeep organized a fun and learning-filled 100th day of school for our kindergarten students on February 2nd.

DATES

- February 26th: 80's Retro Day Dress-up
- March 5th: 11:30 Dismissal, Neon/Tie-Dye Dress-up
- March 12th: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 19th: Report Cards Sent Home

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- We utilized our first E-learning day on 2/16/2021 because of the winter storm. Most of our teachers and students have had to be remote at some point this year so it wasn't a huge change in instruction or expectations.
- NWEA data has been shared with the Education Committee (meeting 2/18/2021). Wednesday SIP time will be used to meet with staff to go over the test results and plan for the projected state tests of SAT and IAR.
- JH staff has utilized the Wednesday SIP time to help those struggling students with additional support. The team has met to identify those students that need to stay after school and qualifications for summer school.

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ACTIVITIES/FACILITY

- The HS Dance Team recently qualified for the IDTA state finals. Mrs. Roberts and the team have been rehearsing and then submitting videos of the dances for virtual contests. The IHSA virtual sectional competition video is to be submitted on Tuesday, February 23rd to see if the team qualifies for the state finals.
- Scholastic Bowl is another group that has been able to compete in a virtual format. Even when the weather causes cancellations, the team has been able to compete with other schools.
- HS girls and boys basketball, JH boys basketball, and JH volleyball have begun competitions. We are streaming JH events on the Elmwood 322 YouTube channel while HS events are on the NFHS network.
- Caroline Colgan is this year’s Lincoln Senior Award winner for Elmwood High School and she is also the Daughters of the American Revolution Award winner, as well.

FUTURE DATES

Friday, March 5th- 11:30 dismissal for School Improvement

Friday, March 12th- End of 3rd Grading Period

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)

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

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

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Mark Davis, to go back into Open Session at 6:51 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None

11. ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Tom Conklin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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