

Vision Statement

Elmwood Community School District #322...an exceptional education, with high standards in a tradition of excellence.

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

July 26, 2021

High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut

6:00 PM Board Meeting

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Val Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL – Dean Cantu (absent), Tom Conklin, Mark Davis, Claude Keefer, Val Ramirez, Katie Vaughan, Kevin Windish

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Windish.

- 3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Joe Brannan, Danielle Sager, Billie Schultz, Lane Hampton, Tanya Endres, Mari Shadley, Emily Brunnelson, Rodney Menold, Jeff Lampe, Steve & Kiera Williams, Jenny Williams- Union Co-President, Wendy Coulter, Shauna Blum, Eric Trone, Tina Ramirez, Kayla Peters, Amy & Matt Guppy, Heather Windish, Amy Davis, Justin & Julie May, Dave & Michelle Kellenberger, Karen Salverson

- 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:

- A. *Minutes of Regular & Closed Session Board Meetings, 6/23/21
- B. *Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- C. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- D. *Approval of Activity Reports
- E. *Personnel – Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absences
 - a) Approve the employment of Janelle Meyers as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach at a salary as determined by the CBA for the 2021-22 school year.
 - b) Approve the employment of Luke Pratt as Sophomore Class Sponsor at a salary as determined by the CBA for the 2021-22 school year.
 - c) Approve the employment of America Harmon as an elementary paraprofessional at a rate of \$13/hour for the 2021-22 school year.
 - d) Approve the employment of Kayla Peters as 4th Grade Elementary Teacher at a salary as determined by the CBA for the 2021-22 school year.
 - e) Approve the employment of Tom Bowers as High School Social Sciences Teacher at a salary as determined by the CBA for the 2021-22 school year.
 - f) Approve the employment of Karen Mottaz as part-time High School Art Teacher at a salary of \$30,000 per year for the 2021-22 school year.
 - g) Approve the employment of Charles Vermillion as part-time High School Athletic Director at a salary of \$8,587.23 for the 2021-22 school year.
 - h) Approve the following volunteer coaches for each of the specified athletics/activities for the 2021-22 school year:
 - JH Softball - Shawn Stage, Lynne Allen, Erin Magee; JH Baseball - Tucker Blum, Brett Stevens, Braden Collins; JH Boys' & Girls' Cross Country - Tricia Little, Rachel Whitney; JH & HS Girls' Volleyball - Kayla Peters; HS Football - Kevin Faulkner, Mike Walker, Tom Bower, Brady Westart; HS Boys' & Girls' Track - Mike Sullivan, Jackson Harkness; HS Boys' Cross Country - Tom Gorham, Mike Sullivan; HS Marching Band/Drum Line - Eric Yarbrough; HS Bass Fishing - Joe Malone & Kolby Martin; HS Boys' & Girls' Golf - Kenny Blum; HS Girls' Cross Country - Lance Zaerr; HS Spirit Squad - Sarah Christy; HS Trap Shoot - Jeff Coulter
- F. *PRESS Policies
- G. *ISBE Schoolwide Waiver, Title I Plan, Consolidated District Plan
- H. *Approval of Midwest Orthopaedic for Sports Medicine Services at \$5,000 for 2021-22

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

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6. ACTION ITEM

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

- A. Approval of Return to School Plan. In order to return to school this Fall, the District needed to develop a Return to School Plan for the 2021-22 school year. Additionally, the state has made this a requirement in order to receive ESSER funds. A copy of the plan has been included on the shared drive. The Board approved the Return to School Plan for the 2021-22 school year (with revisions/clarifications made to synchronous learning and extracurricular activities).

Cantu – absent; Conklin – yes; Davis – no; Keefer – yes; Ramirez – yes; Vaughan – yes; Windish – no
Motion Carried 4-2

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. FY 2021 End of Year Report. Enclosed in your packets is the “Elmwood Budget Summary FY21 FINAL” document. Dr. Wagner indicated that we ended the year on a positive note, accruing \$429,643.92 in the Operational Funds (Ed, O&M, Transportation, Working Cash). This is the seventh consecutive year that we have attained a positive fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. That being said, it goes without saying that it was anything but a “normal” year, and many of the services and costs that we typically provide were much less than a typical year (transportation, lunches, etc.). Thanks go out to administrators and teachers for being fiscally responsible while providing a quality education for our students.
- B. Administrator Reports

MRS. BRUGGER, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Mrs. Inskeep and Mrs. Warner attended the *Preparation and Customization - Eureka Math* professional development virtual conference on July 13th.
- I attended the KIDS Implementation Training on Thursday, July 22.

ACTIVITIES

- Coaches and student-athletes are gearing up for the start of their fall seasons.
- The Parents’ Club Golf Outing is scheduled for August 28th at Maple Lane Country Club.

MAINTENANCE

- Thank you to our summer maintenance crew for their hard work. All elementary classrooms and hallways have been waxed.

DATES

- July 26th - JH Softball begins
- August 2nd - JH Cross Country begins
- August 2nd - JH Baseball begins
- August 11th - New Teacher Orientation
- August 16th - Teacher Institute
- August 16th - Backpack Night (K-6 : 6:00-7:30) and (Pre-K : 5:30-7:30)
- August 17th - First Day of School for Students (8:10-2:15)

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MR. McCOY, JR./SR. HIGH PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- While our numbers were low (2 students) in AP US History this past year, Mrs. Roberts had both students pass the final exam and earn college credit.
- High School SAT and Junior High IAR assessment scores are being organized and will be ready to share with the Education Committee at our fall meeting.
- Mr. Waddell will be hosting several technology nights called 'Parent University 2021'. The goal is to provide technology information related to TeacherEase, our tech platforms, computer/WIFI issues, and helping their students become a better digital citizen. All events will start at 7 PM in the Auditorium:

Tuesday, August 3rd- The Digital Child

Wednesday, August 4th- Tech Talk

Thursday, August 5th- TeacherEase and other Elmwood CUSD 322 Tech Platforms.

FACILITY

- Joe and the custodial work crew have been working on our summer cleaning projects. All classrooms and hallways are completed with the Commons remaining.
- The rain has helped the new landscaping found along the west side of the JH/HS.

ACTIVITIES

- Summer conditioning programs are coming to an end as we prepare for the fall seasons:
 - JH Softball practice begins July 26.
 - JH Baseball and JH Cross Country practices begin August 2.
 - HS Football, CC, Volleyball, and Golf practices begin August 9.
- New Staff Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 11th. Mrs. Brugger and I will prepare for Mr. Bowers, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Murdock, and Ms. Littles' arrival to Elmwood 322 learning community.
- Mr. Pratt is finalizing the plans for his marching band camp and preparing for our fall halftime shows.
- Registration for the 21-22 school year opened to online registration on July 6th and will continue through July 31st.
- Back to School Night will be August 16th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Students will be able to access their lockers and go through their schedules to meet the teachers. 7th grade Orientation will be at 6:30 in the Auditorium.

DATES

- August 11 - New Teacher Orientation
- August 16 - Teacher Institute
- August 16 - Back To School Night (6:00-7:30 PM)
- August 17 - First Day with Students

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS – None

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Kevin Windish, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



Mark Davis, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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