

Vision Statement

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ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

March 29, 2021

High School Auditorium

301 W. Butternut Elmwood, Illinois.

DATE/TIME: March 29, 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 (absent), Bill Frietsch, Claude Keefer, Rick LeHew, Val Ramirez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Frietsch.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

4. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & 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:

- A. *Minutes of Regular Board Meeting & Closed Session, 02/22/2021
- B. *Approval of Regular Minutes of Building Committee, 03/24/2021
- C. *Approval of Bills; Additional Bills; and Payroll
- D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
- E. *Approval of Activity Fund Reports
- F. *Personnel—Resignation/Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absence
 - a. Approval of Sarah Murdock as an elementary teacher for the 2021-22 school year at a salary to be determined by the CBA Salary Schedule.
 - b. Approval of Tiffany Bell as Junior High Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2021-21 school year at a salary to be determined by the CBA Extra-Duty Schedule
- G. *Approval of Membership in IHSA and IESA for 2021-22
- H. *Approval of Consolidated District Plan for ISBE
- I. *Approval of Auditing Firm - Gorenz and Associates as auditing firm for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$15,800.
- J. *Approval of Heart Technologies Contract - upgrading our wireless infrastructure at a cost to the District of \$30,531.46.

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

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Building Committee Update. The District proceeded to the next phase of the elementary HVAC feasibility by meeting with Ryan Reef of KED. Their company will conduct an analysis of current conditions to provide a more detailed budget for this project.

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7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Tenure Acquisition. Congratulations to Alex Coulter, Destiny Wiebler, Jenni Davis, and Sarah Christy who will be completing their 4th year of teaching at Elmwood District #322, and upon the start of the 2021-22 school year, will have earned tenured status.
- B. Board Conference – November 19-21, 2021. Registration for the 2021 Annual Board Conference is June 7, 2021. The Board needs to have a discussion on who wants to attend.
- C. Administrator Reports

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- The IAR, Illinois Assessment of Readiness, testing will take place for 3rd - 6th grade students the week of April 19th. Each grade level will have three math and three ELA assessments to complete.
- The School Improvement Day on Friday, March 5th focused on training for the Eureka Math curriculum and standards-alignment.
- Report cards were sent home to families on Friday, March 19th. The K - 4 grades are utilizing standards-based report cards. Grades 5th & 6th are working on aligning their standards and will implement standards-based report cards for the 2021-22 school year.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Congratulations to Mrs. Waddell and Mr. Waddell on the new edition to their family, Gabriella Anne Waddell.
- Q4 Enrollment Totals:

| | Q1 | | Q2 | | Q3 | | Q4 | |
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| In-Person | 247 | 76% | 275 | 84% | 300 | 90% | 316 | 95% |
| Remote | 79 | 24% | 54 | 16% | 33 | 10% | 16 | 5% |
| Total | 326 | | 328 | | 333 | | 332 | |

- The teachers and I are finalizing lists of students who would benefit from summer school. Summer school will take place during the month of June.
- We are continuing to provide after-school tutoring to students identified in our data-meetings.

ACTIVITIES

- All home JH Girls' Basketball games will continue to be live-streamed on our district YouTube channel.
- JH Track, 5th/6th Scholastic Bowl, and 7th/8th Scholastic Bowl have begun their seasons. Thank you to staff, students, and families for continuing to stay updated with communication and adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

DATES

- April 1st - 5th: No School (Spring Break)
- April 6th: Parents' Club
- April 19th-23rd: IAR Testing
- April 25th-30th: IAR Make-up Testing
- May 10th - 13th: Virtual Spring Concert Recording
- May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th: No School (Emergency Days)
- May 27th - Last Day of School

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- On Tuesday, March 9th, I attended the IPA Administrators' Academy on Title IX updates. The virtual event had over 100 attendees and is now a requirement for the district Title IX coordinator.
- The School Improvement Day on Friday, March 5th gave teachers time to discuss issues related to remote learning (assessment, connecting with students, and group work) and time to look at IAR and SAT data.

ACTIVITIES/FACILITY

- Scholastic Bowl- season ended at the Regional but we did host the Sectional on Saturday, March 13. Teams from Farmington, Port Byron Riverdale, Peru St Bede, and Roanoke Benson attended this season ending event.
- HS Boys' and Girls' Basketball seasons ended this month with all 4 teams winning their last game of the season. We had no shut downs or cancellations which means that we had a successful season.
 - JV Girls 10W-0L
 - Varsity Girls 6W-6L
 - ICAC All Conference:
2nd Team: :Liv Caldwell and Hannah Burkiett
Honorable Mention: Molly Malone
 - P-Land All Conference:
2nd Team: Liv Caldwell
Special Mention: Hannah Burkiett
 - JV Boys 9W-3L
 - Varsity Boys 9W-4L
- Mrs. Roberts and the Dance team finished 23rd at the IHSA state finals and took home a 2nd place trophy at the IDTA state event. Both of these events were virtual and we were able to record the final dances with parents in the stands.
- The new 'Spring Sports' are underway- JH Girls' Basketball, Football, Spirit Squad, and HS Volleyball have all had contests.

YEAR END EVENTS

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| March 26 (No live event) | Spring Suite | A virtual event that will be recorded at school during classes and released to view on our youtube channel |
| April 18 (No live event) | Elmwood Excellence | The award winners will be recognized in Weekly Post and students will receive medallions. |
| April 20 | National Honor Society Induction | An event will be held with limited guests and planning for an inside ceremony in the HS gym with 2 guests per student attending. |
| April 27 | Spring Celebration at Peoria County Courthouse aka: Brown Bag It | We will not be participating in this virtual event. |
| Saturday, May 1 | Prom | The event will be held off-site with meal and entertainment; No Grand March and no dancing will be allowed. |

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| Thursday, May 6 | Class Day | The event will be held for the graduates and streamed on our youtube channel for families to view. |
| May 6 (No live event) | JH/HS Spring Concert | A virtual event that will be recorded at school during classes and released to view on our youtube channel. |
| Thursday, May 13 | 8th grade Promotion | An event will be held during the school day for the 8th grade students and streamed on our youtube channel for families. The 8th grade students will be released from school after the ceremony. |
| Sunday, May 16 | HS Graduation | We will hold this event on the football field with a limited number of guests (5) for each graduate. Graduation will be streamed on our youtube channel as a live event. |

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 Val Ramirez, seconded by Rick LeHew, to go into Closed Session at 6:11 PM.

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

A motion was made by Val Ramirez, seconded by Tom Conklin, to go back into Open Session at 6:24 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

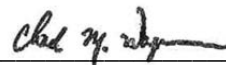
A motion was made by Rick LeHew, seconded by Bill Frietsch, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.



Dr. Dean Cantu, President



William Frietsch, Secretary



Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary

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