

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District met in regular session in the Edgewood Board Room, Edgewood, Iowa, on Monday, January 16, 2012. President Mescher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Directors present: Kenneth Faust, Jason Jones, Jeff Lincoln, Randall Mescher, and Steve Schwietert.

Also present: Superintendent Ed Klamfoth, Secondary Principal Dawn Voss, Elementary Principal Paul Wenger, and Board Secretary Martha Romig.

Visitors: Bill Rediger, Jess Iserman, and Linda Tegeler.

President Mescher welcomed the visitors.

Director Lincoln moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Open enrollment add Dylan Bowman K from West Delaware for the 2011-2012 school year.
Marsha Hauser will not present her media report tonight due to illness.

Motion carried 5-0.

Director Schwietert moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting
2. Financial reports and expenditures
3. Open Enrollment:
 - a. Bryan Bowman 3rd grade, from West Delaware for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - b. Dylan Bowman, K, from West Delaware for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - c. Harley Everhart, K, from West Delaware for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - d. Kelsi Newman, 7th grade, from Starmont for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion carried 5-0.

Communications:

Principal Wenger: Since Christmas we have had six new students enroll at Ed-Co. Three have moved into our district and three are open enrolled in.

Principal Voss: Basic Skills Tests were taken in November. Hopefully we receive the results the last week of January and will present them at our February meeting.

Superintendent Klamfoth: Keystone AEA and the University of Iowa are evaluating our district to see if the director districts will change due to the census taken. Governor Branstad's administrative plan for changes in education was shared with the board.

Director Schwietert: Attended the large group speech contest Saturday at Cascade and would like to congratulate the coaches and students on a fine job and wish them well at districts.

Director Faust: Attended a wrestling meet at Colesburg.

Director Mescher: Wanted to remind everyone that Wednesday, January 18th at Maquoketa Valley will be our second meeting with the Lighthouse Project. We will leave Edgewood at 5:45 p.m.

New Business:

Jess Iserman is implementing a Reading Recovery Program for first graders. She received an i3 grant from the University of Northern Iowa and is able to attend classes at AEA in Elkader to receive all the necessary materials needed. She works with 4 students who have difficulty in reading. She works with these students 1 on 1 each day for a half hour for 12 to 20 weeks. After this time she is ready for 4 more students. This program is in addition to regular reading and Title 1 programs.

Director Lincoln moved to enter into an agreement with Timberline Billing Service LLC from Clive, Iowa regarding the accessing of medicaid reimbursements for covered school-based services. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Jones moved to contribute \$25,000.00 toward lights at the baseball field. Motion carried 5-0.

Tri-Rivers conference alignment: Lisbon will be joining the Tri-Rivers Conference in the 2013-2014 school year. Several other schools have shown an interest in joining the Tri-Rivers Conference: Bellevue, Cal-Wheat, CV Christian, Midland, Northeast, and Clinton. Starmont has applied for admittance to the Upper Iowa Conference. Mr. Klamfoth explained we have three options. 1. Wait and see what happens in the Tri-Rivers Conference. 2. Apply to the Upper Iowa Conference. 3. Allow Mr. Klamfoth to make the decision on behalf of the district after attending meeting on January 18th and 19th. Director Jones moved allowing Mr. Klamfoth to make the decision on behalf of the district and what's in the best interest of our students and write an article for the newspaper informing the public. Motion carried 5-0.

Work session was held on the Lighthouse Project.

Director Lincoln moved to go into closed session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss bargaining strategy. Roll call vote: ayes: Steve Schwietert, Randall Mescher, Jeff Lincoln, Jason Jones, and Kenneth Faust. Motion carried 5-0.

The board came back into open session at 9:30 p.m.

With no further business to come before this board for consideration at this time, Director Schwieter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Martha S. Romig, Board Secretary

Randall Mescher, President to the Board of Education