

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District met in regular session in the Edgewood Board Room, on Monday, November 21, 2011. President Randall Mescher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Directors present: Kenneth Faust (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), 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: Alex Hanna, Nicole Niehaus, Paul and Bridget Dolan.

President Mescher welcomed our visitors.

Director Jones moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

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

1. Minutes of the October 17, 2011 regular meeting
2. Financial reports and expenditures.

Motion carried 5-0.

Communications:

Principal Wenger: There was a 96% turn out for the parent/teacher conference on November 9th and 10th. The elementary Christmas Program will be on December 5th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Principal Voss: Cross Country team sent two members to the state this year. Kari Fitzpatrick who placed 9th and Austin Habel placed 34th. Congratulations to Mrs. Bergan and her volleyball team for a phenomenal year and to Mrs. Bergan for being conference coach of the year. The play was very good this year and the new sound system worked great. Mrs. Gast want to let the board know she is teaching a comp class this year which will earn college credits through NICC.

Superintendent Klamfoth: Our enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 562. This is three less students from the previous school year. We have 128 students open enrolled in and 27 going out. December 5th we will have a joint meeting with Ed-Co, Maquoketa Valley, and West Delaware to discuss the Lighthouse Project with IASB. Director Lincoln moved to change the December 19th board meeting time to 6:00 p.m. due to the band concert that evening at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Schwietert: Congratulations to the fall play cast and crew.

Director Lincoln: Attended the IASB Convention and the speakers were excellent. Visited with board members who have gone through the Lighthouse Project and they recommended everyone should attend.

Director Mescher: Also attended the IASB Convention and thought Doug Reeves and Jamie Vollmer were great speakers.

New Business:

Nicole Niehaus and Bridget Dolan explained to the board how useful their 1:1 computers are in the classroom making them more efficient students. Mr. Hanna told the board it is easier to communicate with his students. They will e-mail him with questions concerning their assignment. Students in his class have not opened a textbook yet this year all classroom materials are on line. One barrier Mr. Hanna sees with the computers, students must learn to use them as a tool not a toy. The district purchased software called LanSchool which allows the teachers to monitor what each student is doing on their computer during classroom time.

The following telephone bids were received for the Edgewood Facility for a new system.

Northeast Iowa Telephone Service, Inc.	\$13,830.25
Five Star Telecom, Inc.	18,599.64
Windstream	24,015.79

Director Lincoln moved to accept the bid from Northeast Iowa Telephone Service, Inc. in the amount of \$13,830.25 for a new telephone system in Edgewood. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business to come before this board for consideration at this time, Director Schwietert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Martha S. Romig, Board Secretary
Randall Mescher, Board President