

**EDGEWOOD-COLESBURG
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District met in the Edgewood Board Room, Edgewood, Iowa, on Monday, July 20, 2015. President Mescher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dir. present: Faust, Jones, Mescher, Moser, and Schilling.

Also present: Supt. Busch, and Secretary Hunt.

President Mescher welcomed three visitors.

Dir. Jones moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Commendations:

Dir. Schilling moved to approve the recognition of the individuals that made the baseball and softball fields look top notch. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff:

Jennifer Lange: PLC conference went really well. Beneficial for new staff members to go.

Alex Hanna: All Conference Teams were posted Mike Jones-1st Team Outfield, Seth Hoeger-2nd Team Infield, Joe Meisner and Nick Oldfather-Honorable Mention.

Old Business:

Dir. Faust moved to approve the top four legislative priorities to be sent to the Iowa School Board Association.

1. Funding Public K-12 Education
 - a. Supports sufficient state revenues to adequately fund public education as Iowa's number one priority. IASB opposes erosion of the existing tax base. IASB supports a full accounting every two year by state government of the costs of all exemptions, credits or deductions for the income tax, sales tax or property tax. Any proposed or existing tax credit must undergo an independent cost benefit analysis.
2. State Penny for School Infrastructure
 - a. Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to state average, and supports the extension of the statewide penny by the repeal of the December 31, 2029 sunset.
3. Transportation Funding

- a. Supports a funding mechanism for school districts' transportation costs that does not reduce funding for the educational program.
- 4. Iowa Professional Development Model.
 - a. Supports full state funding to encourage local initiatives to fully comply with current professional development program requirements

Motion Carried 5-0.

New Business:

Dir. Moser moved to approve the First Readings of Board Policy:

206.3 Secretary

206.4 Treasurer

Appoint Melissa Hunt as Board Secretary and Joyce Piorkowski as Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on 2015-2016 High School Student Handbook was tabled until next month.

Dir. Jones moved to approve 2015-2016 Elementary Student Handbook. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Jones moved to approve Rod Varner and Dave Millis as voluntary football coaches. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Schilling moved to approve Sharing Agreement for Human Resource Director with Central. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Faust moved to approve 2015-2016 Fee Schedule. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Moser moved to approve Apple Computer Lease Agreement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Schilling moved to approve agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College, where students in Ed-Co approved classes will receive college credit. Motion Carried 5-0.

Dir. Schilling moved to approve agreement with Northeast Iowa Health Occupations Consortium to provide a vocationally certified Health Occupations Program over the Xpress Online Synchronous Software. Northeast Iowa Community College locates the instructor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Supt. Busch discussed his goals being focused around student achievement and district finances. Will be discussed in more detail at a later date.

Communications:

Prin. Voss submitted a written report of her comments. Jennifer Lange and Alex Hanna discussed how the intervention/guided study hall has helped improve the student's grades. The amount of failing grades have decreased since the implementation. Plan to start the intervention/guided study hall first quarter.

Supt. Busch: Registration for 2015-2016 school year is in Edgewood on Thursday, August 6th in the commons area from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Elementary Open House will be Thursday, August 20th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Maintenance is getting the Elementary building ready for the new school year. Bleacher quotes are being obtained to meet code. Exploring options for the baseball concession stand trailer. Looking for other options that could be used. Our insurance increased partially because the value of our transportation fleet continues to rise. RSAI Regional Meeting, Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Met with Eagle Point on Friday and discussed solar power. Will continue to explore other options. Building improvements will need to be discussed more to help pin down some of the proposed cost from the planning firms. Judi Simon, Emily Prestemon, Aaron Hamann, Annette Lenz, Megan Bonert, Linda Tegeler, Kari Kintzle-Davidshofer and I attended the Jim Knight Training for Instructional Coaches today. Hearing lots of good things from the staff that attended the PLC conference.

Dir. Schilling: Would like to see a list of who is allowed into the weight room as well as, what the expectations are.

Dir Mescher: If someone confronts you about a raise in Property Taxes tell them they need to contact the Legislator and/or Governor.

Dir Jones moved to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the June 15 2015 meeting.
2. List of Expenditure and Financial Report.
3. Open Enrollment:
 - a. Haylee Hillers, Kindergarten, from Clayton Ridge.
 - b. Lyle Spiker-Kulper, Kindergarten, from Central.
 - c. Ella Graham, Kindergarten, from West Delaware.
4. Special Education Contracts.
5. Resignations:
 - a. Paul Wenger, Elementary Principal, end of 2014-2015 school year.
 - b. Aaron Hamann, Junior High Basketball, effective immediately.
6. New Hires for the 2015-2016 school year:
 - a. Megan Johnson, TAG/Technology, BA, Step 0, \$29,100.00 (with TLS \$33,500.00).
 - b. Sara Dowell, Guidance Counselor, BA, Step 0, \$33,465.00 (with TLS \$33,500.00).
 - c. Laura Brady, Elementary Instructor, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 6, \$36,084.00.
 - d. Kari Kintzle, Newspaper, Group C, Step 1, \$1,501.90.
 - e. Jill Lueken, Cross Country, Group D, Step 1, \$1,044.80.
 - f. Eric Conner, JH B BB, Group C, Step 1, \$1,501.90.
 - g. Tanner Wenger, JH G BB, Group C, Step 1, \$1,501.90
 - h. Cindy Mickens, Speech Co-Large Group, Group D/E, Step 2, \$663.88
 - i. Pam Ostwinkle, Speech Co-Large Group, Group D/E, Step 5, \$881.55.
 - j. Holly Wille, Speech Co-Large Group, Group D/E, Step 5, \$881.55.
 - k. Holly Wille, JH Speech, Group E, Step 4, \$1,077.45.

Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business to come before this board for consideration at this time, Dir. Moser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Melissa Hunt, Secretary
Randall Mescher, President

