

## REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District met via Zoom pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.4(1)(b) which provides an exception when "for good cause" holding the meeting at a publicly accessible place is "impossible or impracticable.", on Monday, April 13, 2020. President Schilling called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Directors Present: Robert Schilling, Dan Venteicher, Matt Elliot, Jeff Hoeger, & Tammy Kirby.

Directors Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Rob Busch, Principal Dawn Voss, and Board Secretary Melissa Conner.

Visitors: Twenty-Three participants.

President Schilling welcomed our visitors.

Director Elliot moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Venteicher moved to recognize the following:

All Ed-Co Staff with getting information out to the students and the new way of learning.

Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

New Business:

Director Kirby moved to approve the 2020-21 Budget. Director Elliot seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to approve the 2020-21 Calendar. Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Kirby moved to approve the agreement with Timberline. Director Elliot seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Hoeger moved to approve the Tech agreement with the AEA in the amount of \$30,000.00. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Kirby moved to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement. Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed Building projects.

Director Elliot moved to approve the following Pandemic Response & Emergency Suspension Policy resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Ch. 279.8 authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts, including adopting policies for their own governance; and

**WHEREAS** the Board may, by formal, action suspend or rescind board policy as deemed necessary, appropriate or in the best interests of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency and on March 15, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Iowa until April 13, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds declared a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency under the authority granted through Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6(1), 135.140(6), and 135.144 and directed implementation of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Iowa Emergency Response Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, most hourly non-exempt employees will be unable to report to work due to the District's closure and certified contract employees may be asked to work at remote locations to help provide continuity in educational services; and

**WHEREAS**, it fulfills a public purpose to continue to pay District hourly and classified non-exempt employees during this closure to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19, to promote morale and to help retain current employees following the closure; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Iowa Legislature passed and the Governor signed SF 2408 granting waiver of the instructional time requirements in Iowa Code Ch. 279.10 for all public school districts closing before April 12, 2020 in order to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and granting Governor Reynolds the ability to waive instructional time requirements for any public school district which closes on or after April 12, 2020 to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended extended closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Iowa until April 30, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Department of Education, which has the authority to establish and interpret graduation requirements, and to oversee other crucial aspects of public education is providing written guidance to Iowa school districts on issues related to COVID -19, including but not limited to student attendance, distance/online learning, high school credit, meal distribution, and other issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Department of Education issued COVID-19 Guidance: Provision of Continuous Learning. This guidance allows school districts to provide either voluntary educational enrichment opportunities to students or required educational services. Voluntary educational enrichment opportunities include educational opportunities provided to students where participation by students is not required and will not be graded other than voluntary completion of concurrent enrollment courses and credit recovery. Required educational services include educational services provided to students who are required to participate. Student work may be graded and credit may be awarded. Equity must be provided for and AEA services resume, to the extent possible, for required educational services. Competencies attained through either voluntary or required educational services may be considered; if done on a voluntary basis they may only be considered after school returns to session.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Edgewood-Colesburg School Board hereby suspends provisions of its board policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the District Superintendent or designee, if such suspension is necessary to implement written guidance from state or federal agencies relating to containing COVID-19 for the duration identified in the Governor's State of Public Health Emergency declaration of March 17, 2020, or as otherwise determined by the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will consult with and report to the Board as feasible and appropriate regarding the emergency closure and efforts to implement written guidance from health and government agencies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent is authorized to close any school facility without further action by the Board of Directors. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate health and government authorities, deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent is authorized, based upon the needs of the District and guidance from health and government agencies, to direct staff assignments during District closures, including but not limited to essential employees who must report to work, employees who may be reassigned, and employees whose services are not needed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that access to public school grounds and public school buildings of the District may be limited as directed by the Superintendent during District closures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified, exempt employees will remain employed during the school closure and until the number of days expressed on the contract have been fulfilled, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Days that contracted employees do not report for duty either onsite if deemed an essential employee; or from a remote location for all other employees due to closure, do not constitute a fulfilled contract day except to the extent those days are forgiven by the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in light of this District-wide emergency closure, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to place hourly and classified non-exempt employees on paid administrative leave and to continue to pay them until the number of days expressed in the contract have been fulfilled during the period of school closure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District has elected to provide voluntary educational enrichment opportunities to students in the district during this period of school closures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the interest of public health and/or to comply with federal or state health department recommendations or guidance, the Board encourages the public to attend or listen to its open public meetings via telephone or video conference, live streaming on television and/or the internet and the Board may also limit public comment to written comments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board reserves the right to adjust board meeting dates, times, and locations during the district-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Open Meetings law, and notes that any or all board members may attend board meetings electronically as permitted by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. This resolution will remain in full force and effect until it is rescinded or amended by subsequent action of the Board.

Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Hoeger moved to approve Timeline & Direct District Staff & Piper Sandler to proceed with School Infrastructure Sales, Services, & Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Director Elliot seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Kirby moved to approve the Engagement Letter with PiperSandler & Ahlers & Cooney. Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to set the public hearing date for May 18th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$2,300,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to set the public hearing date for May 18th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$300,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to set the public hearing date for May 18th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to approve Burrington Group for Continuation of Parking Lot Improvements. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Director Elliot moved to approve the US Cellular Agreement for Hotspots. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

Principal Voss: Thank you to the teachers for their flexibility in these uncertain times with all the changes as well as their commitment to the students and fellow coworkers.

Superintendent Busch: Been relying on a lot of people the last few weeks. The Staff have really stepped up in these uncertain times. Still in the learning process but it's making us better in the long run. Shout out to Mandi & her staff for all their hard work.

Director Elliot: Thank you to everyone & all the hard work being put in.

Director Kirby: Thank you to all the Teachers & Administration for all their hard work. I hope legislators see that and remember when it comes time for the budget.

Director Hoeger: You guys are doing a wonderful job.

Director Schilling: Thank you Teachers & Staff. Huge variety in what they are doing. Thank you Administration you guys are doing a great job.

Director Elliot moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve minutes of March 16, 19, 31 & April 1, 3, 2020 Meetings
- b. List of Expenditures and Financial Reports
- c. Open Enrollment
- d. Special Education Contracts
- e. Fundraisers
- f. Personnel
  - i. Resignations  
Zach Sorn-Elementary Teacher
  - ii. New Hires
  - iii. Contract Adjustments
  - iv. Volunteer Coaches/Sponsors

Director Venteicher seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

With no further business to come before the board for consideration at this time, Director Elliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Director Kirby seconded the movement. Motion Carried 5-0.

April 13, 2020 Listing of Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND:		
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	fee	\$ 88.40
AHLERS AND COONEY, P.C.	legal services	\$ 715.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	electricity	\$ 8,149.32
BI-COUNTY DISPOSAL, INC.	garbage collection	\$ 374.85
BLACK HILLS	heating	\$ 4,152.06
CITY OF COLESBURG	water/sewer	\$ 565.90
CITY OF EDGEWOOD	water/sewer	\$ 525.55
CLAYTON CO. AUDITOR	special election	\$ 1,065.23
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP.	supplies	\$ 2,706.27
CORNERSTONE FAMILY PRACTICE	physicals	\$ 482.00
DHS CASHIER 1ST FL.	Medicaid	\$ 5,340.14
EDGEWOOD FARM & HOME SUPPLY	supplies	\$ 430.56
EDGEWOOD OIL, Inc.	supplies	\$ 412.70
EDGEWOOD REMINDER	publications	\$ 309.80
ELAN	supplies, music, projectors, & postage	\$ 2,067.57
ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL	fee	\$ 353.00

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FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS INC.	library books	\$ 320.57
HDC BUSINESS FORMS CORP.	checks	\$ 182.92
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHING	Read 180	\$ 7,100.00
INSTRUMENTALIST, The	fee	\$ 15.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	network services	\$ 443.50
KARL'S GROCERY	supplies	\$ 105.57
MARC/ MID-AMERICAN RES. CHEM. CORP.	supplies	\$ 195.75
NICC	fee	\$ 65.00
SADLER POWER TRAIN	parts	\$ 23.29
ServiceOne	repairs	\$ 727.36
STELKEN, NIC	mileage	\$ 102.60
Superior Technology Services, LLC	repairs	\$ 163.50
WALMART COMMUNITY	supplies	\$ 76.28
WEBER PAPER COMPANY	supplies	\$ 4,945.89
WESSELS ELECTRICAL SERVICE	repairs	\$ 664.52
WEST DELAWARE CO. COMM. SCHOOL	auto tech class	\$ 575.49
Fund Total:		\$ 43,446.36
LOSST/SAVE Fund:		
FM CONTROLS, INC.	repairs	\$ 1,831.20
HALDEMAN-HOMME, INC.	repairs	\$ 5,275.00
Young Plumbing & Heating	repairs	\$ 742.50
Fund Total:		\$ 7,848.70
Activity Fund:		
EDGEWOOD FARM & HOME SUPPLY	supplies	\$ 23.46
EDGEWOOD LOCKER	meals	\$ 1,088.09
ELAN	supplies & entry fees	\$ 1,549.56
IA H.S. SPEECH ASSOCIATION	banner	\$ 55.00
KARL'S GROCERY	supplies	\$ 228.42
MONTICELLO SPORTS	equipment	\$ 190.00
RED DOOR RENTAL	rental	\$ 180.00
Fund Total:		\$ 3,314.53
Nutition Fund:		
Atlantic Coca-Cola	ala carte	\$ 280.87
ELAN	hot lunch & supplies	\$ 236.85
Hill Country C.S. LLC	hot lunch	\$ 10.00
KARL'S GROCERY	supplies	\$ 23.32
MARTIN BROS. DISTRIB. CO., INC	hot lunch, supplies, & fee	\$ 5,067.84
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY	milk	\$ 1,885.81
SARA LEE BAKERY GROUP/EARTHGRAINS	hot lunch bread	\$ 537.22

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Fund Total:		\$ 8,041.91
PPEL Fund:		
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	copier lease	\$ 1,889.21
Total of All Funds:		\$ 64,540.71

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Robert Schilling, President

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Melissa Conner, Secretary