

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District met in regular session in the Edgewood Board Room, on Monday, July 15, 2013. President Randall 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 Rob Busch, Secondary Principal Dawn Voss, Elementary Paul Wenger, and Board Secretary Martha Romig.

President Mescher welcomed one visitor.

Director Lincoln moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting.
2. Financial Reports & Expenditures.
3. Open Enrollment:
 - a. Madison Sheckles, 8th grade, from Starmont.
4. Resignations:
 - a. Matt Gast, elementary instructor, JH softball coach, JH wrestling coach, JH football coach, JH boys track coach, Co-Head wrestling coach effective June 2013
 - b. Melanie Gast, secondary language arts instructor and assistant large group speech advisor effective June 2013.
5. New Hires:
 - a. Molly Peyton, elementary instructor, BA, Step 1, \$29,354.00.
 - b. Victoria Bond, secondary language arts instructor, MA, Step 5, \$38,1054.00 and assistant large group speech advisor, Group E, Step 4, \$1,057.00.

Motion carried 5-0.

Communications:

Principal Wenger: The major change to the elementary student handbook is found on page 4 progress reporting/achievement and grades.

Principal Voss: Welcome Rob. Nineteen staff members attended the PLC Conference in Minneapolis on July 8-10. Eileen Bergan and I attended a tech conference in

June. Jenny Lange and I attended a conference on changing of report cards in the future. August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is registration at Edgewood.

Superintendent Busch: The PLC Conference was excellent. One of the best I have attended. The lawn mower at the elementary needs to be replaced. Edgewood Auto & Tire Service has given us a quote for a 2012 Bad Boy ZT 50" lawn mower with trade in for \$3,800.00. Director Faust moved to accept the quote from Edgewood Auto & Tire Service in the amount of \$3,800.00 for a new mower. Motion carried 5-0. Kluesner Construction has given us a quote for seal and repairs cracks at the elementary parking lot in the amount of \$4,199.04. Director Jones moved to accept this quote in the amount of \$4,199.04 from Kluesner Construction for sealing and repairing cracks at the elementary parking lot. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Lincoln, Faust, Jones, and Mescher welcomed Rob to Ed-Co.

Director Mescher: Governor Branstad would like to see legislators pass a law that school would not start before September 1st. He encouraged board members to call their legislators.

Old Business:

Discussion on the wellness program was tabled until the August meeting

New Business:

Director Schwietert moved to approve the sharing agreement with Starmont CSD for an ELL teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Jones moved to approve the agreement for Ethernet LEC Service to increase the speed of internet and bandwidth at the elementary building. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Lincoln moved to approve replacing the water heater at the high school at the Superintendent discretion. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Faust moved to approve David Millis as voluntary coach for football and Jill Lueken for cross country. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Lincoln moved to approve the elementary and high school student and faculty handbooks. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Schwietert moved to issue activity passes to all events including plays and musicals but not district and regional tournament games at a cost to students \$50.00 and adults

\$75.00. Senior citizen passes can be picked up in the Superintendent's office at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Jones moved to approve the 2014 IASB Legislative Action Priorities.

- Supports the repeal of the mandatory school start date, while offering incentives to school districts to provide extended days and/or innovative calendars. School districts receiving these incentives will evaluate and determine the impact on student learning when establishing the start day for school.
- Support continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks consistent with the Iowa Core focused on improving student achievement, including the following state actions:
 1. Provide and fund technical assistance to help school districts fully implement the Iowa Core.
 2. Develop or obtain high-quality summative and formative assessments, aligned to the skills students should know and be able to do to succeed globally and locally.
 3. Include and fund all the components of successful standards systems: assessments aligned to high expectations, improved and aligned instruction and quality professional development.
- Supports a funding mechanism for school districts' transportation costs that does not directly or indirectly impact funding for the educational program.
- Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts and AEAs. Our financial priority is to increase and maintain the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources with full state funding of the state's share of the cost per pupil.
- Supports greater flexibility in the use of the management levy for those services required by law including inspections and publication costs and legal and auditing services, including internal auditing service and staff.

Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business to come before this board for consideration at this time, Director Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Martha Romig, Secretary
Randall Mescher, President