

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Evansville, Wisconsin

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Evansville Community School District was held Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the District Board and Training Center.

Mr. Roth, District Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Ms. Hammann. Roll call was taken. Members present: Hammann, Johnson, Paul, Rasmussen, Swanson and Titus.

Motion by Ms. Paul, Board Clerk, seconded by Mr. Titus, to approve remote access for Jan Klaehn to include open session participation and voting rights. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice). Ms. Klaehn joined the meeting by telephone at 6:03 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Hammann, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented, with a change to move the discussion of the Third Street Extension to item D Discuss Youth Center. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Back to School Days – August 8, 2019, 3-7pm & August 14, 2019 10am-2pm
- All Staff Breakfast – August 27, 2019, 7:30 am
- First Day of School – September 3, 2019

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

Mr. Redders, High School Teacher, presented information on the Freshmen Summit, which will be held August 6 and 7, 2019. The new program, featuring teachers and student mentors, is designed to give incoming freshmen a clear sense of what is to come in high school. The August 6 kick-off includes parents and will feature a spaghetti dinner. August 7 events will be students, teachers, and mentors only. Eighty of the 130 incoming freshmen have signed up for the summit.

Ms. Tway, District Nurse, provided the annual nursing services report. 2018-19 saw a reduction in cases of strep throat and influenza. She also reported success on efforts to reduce the district's immunization waiver rate, with nearly 95% compliance.

Mr. Roth, District Administrator, updated the Board regarding discussions about hiring a School Resource Officer (SRO). Representatives of the City of Evansville also in attendance were City Administrator Ian Rigg, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, and Council President Jim Brooks. Mr. Rigg estimates that 80% of the officer's time would be spent at the school, freeing the regular daytime officer from school calls. Cost of an SRO could range from \$66,000 - \$109,000 annually, with costs dependent upon experience and single or family insurance requirements. No decision will be made until more data on need can be provided, as well as a job description, a list of desired outcomes, and a measure of community support for the position.

Mr. Roth opened discussion of the Third Street Extension project that is part of the 2018 Referendum. The engineering study revealed that the cost of the extension could be as high as \$500,000, particularly if a land

purchase is required for drainage purposes. The project was initially budgeted for \$300,000. Mr. Rigg indicated that the city would be willing to provide assistance on the project if the District would provide 10,000 square feet of space on the middle school grounds for the construction of a new Youth Center. Mr. Roth and Ms. Dobbs, Middle School Principal, are concerned about giving up green space on that site, which will provide about two acres of space for approximately 450 students. Discussions on the topic will continue. Mr. Brooks will get a sense from the City Council about its interest in an ad hoc committee to study this further. Mr. Titus and Ms. Swanson stated a willingness to serve on such a committee.

Mr. Roth provided an update on the Referendum, describing projects as being on target, on schedule, and revealing no surprises at this time. Demolition of the middle school is underway. Construction is proceeding at the high school and Grove Campus, as well as roofing at the high school.

A discussion of reallocating referendum funds tabled at an earlier meeting was deemed to require no further discussion.

Ms. Merath, Business Manager, presented the Kids First Report. A total of \$630.44 was used from the fund to meet various student needs, leaving an account balance of \$329.71

Ms. Merath reviewed a list of needed capital projects totaling \$21,192,520. Several of the projects are already underway with payment covered by the 2018 referendum monies and DOJ safety grant funds.

Ms. Merath provided an update on the 2018-2019 Budget. She noted that in the first year of the district self-insuring for dental, the district spent \$80,000 less for dental services than it took in as premiums. She recommends leaving the balance as a cushion for dental expenses next year because this could be a first-year anomaly.

Ms. Merath also noted that there were more surplus funds remaining at the end of the year than expected. She stated she would be comfortable transferring an additional \$300,000 from Fund 10 Operating Budget to Fund 46 Capital Improvements.

The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 goals for the Continuous System Improvement committees as presented by Mr. Schwartz, Levi Principal, Ms. Dorn, TRIS Principal, Mr. Martin, Technology Director, and Mr. Dobbs.

Mr. Knott, High School Principal, addressed questions regarding Athletic and Activities Director Ms. Varsho's memo on the High School Girls Golf Program. Girls have been participating on the boys' team but have adequate numbers to warrant their own program. With a Fall 2019 start, the team will compete in conference meets, but will not be eligible for qualification for WIAA state tournament until Fall 2020.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

Ms. Swanson, Board Vice President, presented Policy #431 – Compulsory Student Attendance & Alternative Programs, Policy #434.2 – High School Closed Campus and Policy #440 – Student Right and Responsibilities for a first reading. Policy #431 was sent back to committee for further consideration.

Ms. Swanson presented Policy #425 – Participation of Non-Public School Students in District Courses, Programs and Activities, Policy #428 – Fill-Time Public School Open Enrollment, Policy #429 Part-Time Open Enrollment and Policy #430 – School Attendance for a second reading. Policy #428 was sent back to committee for further consideration.

BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the resignation of Tina Thornton, Student Services Secretary, effective August 2, 2019, and thank her for the past 26 years of service. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the resignation of Steve Krupke, High School Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year and thank him for the past eight years of service. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Mr. Titus, to approve the hiring of Lucas Wimmer, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts Teacher, effective August 22, 2019, for an annual salary of \$41,500. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Titus, second by Mr. Rasmussen, to approve the hiring of Jordan Everson, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, effective August 6, 2019, for a stipend of \$3,525. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Titus, to approve the Communication and Community Engagement CSI budget request of \$8,250.00 to contract with SocialSchools4EDU and \$300.00 for promotion of four key events. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Titus, to approve the CSI Climate and Culture Committee's budget request of \$1,000.00. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Titus, to approve the updated co-curricular salary schedule. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the new athletic offering of a Girls' Golf Program. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the proposed NOTICE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR, as said proposed notice was presented to the Board in written form on June 12, 2019, in the Board's packet of supplemental materials, all pursuant to section 120.12(13)(b) and section 118.30 (1g)(a) of the state statutes AND that the Board direct the administration to provide parents and guardians of District students with notice of the Board-adopted student academic standards that are in effect for the 2019-20 school year in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of section 120.12(13) of the state statutes. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Mr. Titus to approve transferring \$300,000 from Fund 10 Operating Budget to the Fund 46 Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

CONSENT (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Titus, to approve the June 26, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Policy #345.53 – Laude System. Motion carried, 7-0 (roll call vote).

Ms. Klaehn left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Paul, to convene in closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c); namely to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried, 6-0 (roll call vote), at 9:04 pm.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Ellyn Paul, Clerk

Approved: Ellyn J Paul Approved 8/14/2019  
Ellyn Paul, Clerk