

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Evansville, Wisconsin

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Evansville Community School District was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the District Board and Training Center.

Ms. Hammann, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Hammann. Roll call was taken. Members present: Hammann, Johnson, Klaehn, Nyhus, Paul, Rasmussen, Swanson, as well as high school representatives Diebold and Senter.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Rasmussen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- EEF Murder Mystery Dinner – January 18, 2020
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards Convention (WASB) – January 22-24, 2020
- Crossing Guard Week – January 13-17, 2020
- Open Enrollment – February 3 – April 30, 2020

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

Ms. Diebold and Mr. Senter, High School Representatives, reported on activities at the four buildings.

- LEVI: All classrooms will be conducting roundtable discussions about ALICE options in areas outside the classroom; Mystery Pledge Leader returned to morning announcements on Thursdays, with the mysterious leader revealed the following day; students made thank you cards for crossing guards; teamwork will be the focus of the Little Blue assembly on January 24; students at LEVI and TRIS will learn about energy efficiency on January 31 when WPPI Energy sponsors *Showdown at the Conservation Canyon*.
- TRIS: Ms. Dorn and Ms. Frisque took pies to the face after students met the goal of collecting 1,500 items in their food drive; the new print is up, providing much needed color to the building lobby; H.E.R.O.E.S groups will meet on January 24; author Jacqueline Briggs Martin will visit on February 5 and will be available to sign books during her visit.
- J.C. McKenna: The staff vs. 8th grade boys' basketball game in December was a success, as was the choreographed poms halftime routine performed by the 8th grade girls; the 6th grade band will give a concert on January 16; 8th graders have begun registering for high school courses, with a parent meet last Wednesday and a high school tour on Thursday; Wrestling and girls' basketball practices began last week, with competitions beginning this week; Mr. Bethke has again organized a ski trip, with three buses expected to head to Cascade Mountain on January 24.
- High school: The Student Council hosted the Rock Valley Conference meeting; the BASE billboard on Union Street that discourages teenage drinking showcases the art of student Dennis Lin; Paige Banks and Sully Geske each scored their career 1,000th point in basketball; Shianne Shanklin won a Silver Key and honorable mention for her photography in the Wisconsin Scholastic Art Competition.

Mr. Kvalheim, FFA Adviser, introduced the Evansville FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team, who provided a demonstration of seven key components for maintaining fair and efficient meetings. Members of the team are Hannah Vanthournout, Hanna Roberts, Abbey Miller, Mackenzie Vanthournout, and Quincee Johnson. The team will compete on February 10, 2020, when Evansville FFA hosts the District #13 Speaking Contest.

Mr. Roth, District Administrator, provided a referendum update. Improved weather conditions have allowed construction of the middle school to be back on schedule again, though the gymnasium may not be ready for use immediately in the fall. In that case, students will be transported to the TRIS Fieldhouse as they are now. The final move out date for the remainder of the old middle school building will be June 12, 2020.

Ms. Hammann provided an update on the upcoming school board election. Ms. Hammann, Mr. Nyhus, and Mr. Rasmussen are all seeking reelection to three-year terms, with Ann Elliott filing as a fourth candidate. A drawing to determine ballot order was held at the District Office at 11:00 am on January 10, 2020. Ballot order is set as Hammann, Nyhus, Elliott, and Rasmussen.

Ms. Hammann presented enrollment history numbers from the 2014-2015 school year forward. These figures will be considered at the Budget Retreat on January 25, 2020, when Open Enrollment Limits will be set.

POLICIES:

Ms. Swanson, Board Vice President, presented for a first reading Policy #458 – Wellness Policy; Policy #460 – Student Scholarships; Policy #461 – Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship; Policy #491 – Students of Divorced/Separated Parents; Policy #492 – Recording or Photographing Students; Policy #830 – Use of School Facilities, Grounds, and Equipment; Policy #840 – Public Gifts to the Schools; Policy #852 – Distribution of Flyers.

Ms. Swanson presented for a second reading Policy #443.4 – Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and/or Other Drug Use; Policy #443.41/522.1 – Definition Relating to Alcohol; Policy #453.7 – Mental Health and Wellness Policy – New; Policy #454 – Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect; Policy #454 Rule – Procedures for Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect; Policy #454 Form – Child Protective Services Referral – For Removal; Policy #455.1 – Supervision of Students; Policy #456 – Student Assistance Program.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the resignation of Brian Cashore, Varsity Baseball Coach, effective for the 2019-20 baseball season and thank him for his past 15 years of service. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Mr. Nyhus, to approve the hiring of Karsen Vance, FFA Advisor, effective August 27, 2019, for an annual stipend of \$3,320. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Nyhus, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the hiring of Tamara Strauss, 1.0 Educational Interpreter, effective January 20, 2020, for an annual salary of \$41,500. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the Microsoft Office Specialist and Agribusiness courses for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

CONSENT (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the December 11, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes, Policy #446.1 – Student Search Activities; Policy #451 – Student Insurance Program – For Removal; Policy #453 – School Health Services; Policy #453.1 – Emergency Nursing Services; Policy #453.2 – Student Immunizations; Policy #453.3 – Communicable Diseases. Motion carried, 7-0 (roll call vote).

BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Everson, Director of Curriculum, and Ms. Katzenberger, Director of Student Services, presented information on the District's third Core Belief, Co-Plan to Co-Serve, and the fourth Core Belief, Universally Designed Learning (UDL). Collaboration among all parties involved with the student is important in order enhanced for student achievement for all learners because there is no "average" or "typical" learner. The focus is always on learning. Mr. Everson noted that the issue of reallocation will be raised at the Budget Retreat. He anticipates that there will be discomfort in that discussion because the plan will not be popular with all teachers.

Some questions raised by board members sought to verify how progress would be monitored, what measurable data will be gathered, what outcomes are desired, and how long a plan would be in place before a marked change could be observed. Others related to discerning how these plans mesh with target-based learning at all levels and with the laude system at the high school. Concerns were also expressed about how these core beliefs relate to our current system of continuous system improvement as well as the District's mission statement and goals. Circling back to look at those relationships will be necessary after the fifth and final Core Belief is presented in February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Rasmussen, to convene in closed session under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g), and Wis. Stat. 118.125, to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, namely, with regard to Administrators, to discuss performances and compensation, and to consider resignations; to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems, or the investigation of charges which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or likely to become involved, for the purpose of completion of a Step 3 meeting of a complaint under Board Policy 411.1 Rule, including deliberation and action. Motion carried, 7-0 (roll call vote), at 8:17 pm.

Motion by Ms. Klaehn, second by Mr. Nyhus, to reconvene into open session, to take action on any open or closed session items. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice vote) at 10:43 pm.

Motion by Ms. Klaehn, second by Ms. Swanson, to accept the resignation of Brian Cashore, as tendered by the employee in his letter dated January 14, 2020. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Paul, second by Ms. Klaehn, to approve the written answers of the School Board of the Evansville Community School District to six complaints submitted pursuant to Board Policy 411.1, considered and discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice vote).

ADJOURN:

Motion by Ms. Klaehn, second by Mr. Rasmussen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0 (voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm.

Submitted by Ellyn Paul, Clerk

Approved: _____ Approved 1/25/2020
Melissa Hammann, President