

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Evansville, Wisconsin

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Evansville Community School District was held Wednesday, September 25, 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 Ms. Hammann, Board President. Roll call was taken. Members present: Hammann, Johnson, Klaehn, Nyhus, Paul, Rasmussen, Swanson.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Welcome Curt Nyhus – New Board Member filling Tom Titus' vacancy until April 2020
- Homecoming Week – September 30 – October 5, 2019
- School Board Appreciation Week – October 6-12, 2019
- Introduction of 6-12 Staff by Ms. Dobbs, Middle School Principal, and Mr. Knott, High School Principal. New staff being introduced were Cody Peacock, 6th Grade Health and & 7th & 8th Grade Physical Education; Lucas Wimmer, 8th Grade English/7th Grade Football Coach; Kris Evans, High School English/Cross Country Coach/Forensics Coach; Melissa Borntreger, High School Educational Assistant; Linda Hess, High School Educational Assistant; Barb Miller, High School Art/Yearbook Advisor; Karsen Vance, High School/Middle School Agriculture; Amy Dunphy, High School Educational Assistant.
- Mr. Knott identified the High School Student Board Representatives as Gabby Diebold and Evan Senter. They will make their first appearance with the Board at the October 9 meeting.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

Mr. Roth, District Administrator, provided an update on the referendum. IT services at the Grove Campus are functional, though there were some issues with the labeling of cables. The company will be coming back to be sure everything is labeled correctly. The welding and woods areas at the high school will be up and running within two weeks, and landscaping at the high school has begun. Footings are going in at the middle school site and there is still work related to the right of way for the bus lane being finalized. The project remains on budget.

Committee assignments were adjusted to reflect the resignation of Tom Titus and his replacement by Curt Nyhus. As new Board Treasurer, Mr. Rasmussen will take positions as chair of Budget Finance, as well as on the Negotiations and Compensation committees for both EEA and EEAA. He will also retain his seat on the Compensation Committee for Custodial/Maintenance and Insurance. Mr. Nyhus will assume Mr. Titus's seats on CSI: Facilities and Operations and City of Evansville Joint Review. He will also replace Mr. Rasmussen on Compensation committees for Clerical, Specialists, Food Service, and Non-Administration. Ms. Swanson, Board Vice President, advised that Mr. Titus also served on the Youth Center Committee and welcomed any board member to serve with her on that city-school joint committee.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

BUDGET FINANCE:

Ms. Merath, Business Manager, advised that the Insurance Committee held its first meeting of the year. An additional ten staff members have switched to the HSA alternative for health insurance. An updated list of approved preventative prescriptions has been received and consideration is being given to adding an employee-paid supplemental insurance plan. The committee next meets in October.

Ms. Merath provided the financial summary for August. The final 2018-19 tax levy funds in the amount of \$2,279,376.35 have been received. Auditors completed final field work for the 2018-19 fiscal year August 5-9. Referendum spending for August totaled \$1,472,377.

BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the hiring of two additional Educational Assistants and a 0.38 Educational Interpreter. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the resignation of Melissa Borntreger, Cook I, effective September 20, 2019. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Nyhus, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the hiring of Melissa Borntreger, Educational Assistant, effective September 23, 2019, for an hourly wage of \$14.50. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the hiring of Megan Rackow, Educational Assistant, effective September 26, 2019, for an hourly wage of \$14.50. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Mr. Nyhus, to approve the hiring of Lindi Zettle, Cook III, effective September 30, 2019, for an hourly wage of \$14.00. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Nyhus, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the hiring of Tamara Strauss, 0.38 Educational Interpreter, effective September 20, 2019, for an annual salary of \$15,562.50. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Mr. Rasmussen, to approve the hiring of Megan Halvensleben, School Social Worker, effective October 7, 2019, for an annual salary of \$43,908. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Mr. Nyhus, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000; issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes; and participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes Program Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote).

CONSENT (ACTION ITEMS):

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the September 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; the September 13, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes; and the August Bills and Bank Reconciliation. Motion carried, 7-0 (roll call vote).

POLICIES:

Ms. Swanson, Board Vice President, presented Policy #443.5 – Electronic Communication Devices On School Premises, Policy #445 – Student Interviews with Law Enforcement Officers, and #445.1 Rule – Administrative Rule – Conducting Student-Law Enforcement Interviews on School Premises for a second reading.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

The Board resumed discussion of the current board goals as well as the desire for a more in-depth review of the core values presented at the September 11 meeting. Mr. Everson, Director of Curriculum, and Ms. Katzenberger, Director of Student Services, are planning presentations on each of those values for coming board meetings. Ms. Klaehn will be heading up efforts to standardize Board communications.

The Board recessed to go into the Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm, returning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at 7:25 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Mr. Nyhus, to convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1) (f) and (g) and 118.125 for the purpose of engaging in discussion about student and parent complaints involving student behavior and District response which involve financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons 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 consultation with legal counsel regarding such complaints who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become. Motion carried, 7-0 (roll call vote), at 7:43 pm.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, second by Ms. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 7-0 (voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by Ellyn Paul, Clerk

Approved: _____ Approved 10/9/2019
Ellyn Paul, Clerk