East Buchanan Regular Board Meeting

August 10, 2016

Prior to the beginning of the regular meeting, the board recited the East Buchanan Mission Statement: “To challenge students to think critically, communicate effectively, develop values and contribute to society.”

The meeting began promptly at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aaron Cook, Greg Schmitt, Brian Crawford, Chad Staton, Shawn Stone

SUPERINTENDENT: Dan Fox

PRINCIPAL: Eric Dockstader

SECRETARY: Beth Weepie

VISITORS: Several visitors from the community were present at the meeting.

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Crawford to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all ayes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Crawford to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all ayes. Consent Agenda contained the following: Minutes from the July 13, 2016 meeting; Approve the resignation of Bobbie Yearous as Pre-K Para-Educator; Approve the hire of Craig Wilgenbusch as Bus Driver; Approve the hire of Beth Dolan from part-time to full-time Pre-K Para-Educator; Approve the following TLC (Teacher Leadership Compensation) Mentors: Tiffany Bowers, Chad Lamker, Jenn Hellenthal, Andrew Machacek; Abbey Thurn, Michelle Cooksley, Mary Baragary and Rebecca Stonebraker. Approve the July financial reports and the August expenditures listed and attached to the minutes herein.

**SPANISH TRIP REQUEST:** Ms. Huegel requested approval from the board to travel to Mexico for June 2017 for her Spanish class. The trip will be for 9 days and 8 nights. Motion was made by Crawford, second by Staton to approve the trip to Mexico in June 2017 and to provide a school bus and to pay for fuel costs to Chicago and back. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Athletic Boosters –Weight Room Equipment:** Ben Reck presented the weight room equipment purchase that was made by the Athletic Boosters in the amount of $27,000. Ben inquired about what methods the district could incorporate to protect the equipment once installed. Mr. Fox said that there will be cameras installed in that hallway. The old equipment will be put on the swap sheet. Mr. Fox and the board thanked the booster club for their generous donation.

**Bond Refinancing:** Travis Squires of Piper Jaffray spoke to the board about refinancing the current sales tax revenue bonds that the district currently has in place. These funds were used to fund the construction of the new Elementary school. By refinancing these bonds, the district will save approximately $191,000. Motion was made by Staton, second by Schmitt to approve the consideration of Financing the Bond Refinancing sale of approximately $2,475,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2016 to BB&T. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Resolution Directing Sale of Bonds:** Motion was made by Stone, second by Staton to approve the Resolution Directing Sale of the bonds to BB&T Govern. Financ. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Capital Financing Discussion –** Travis Squires of Piper Jaffray spoke to the board about the different scenarios regarding the tax impact for the upcoming general obligation bond election. Different scenarios included utilizing current sales tax revenues of $100,000 annually to reduce the levy rate; another scenario was to utilize a combination of sales tax and income surtax to reduce the levy rate. The board favored the ratio of 25% Sales Tax; 25% income surtax; 50% property tax to reduce the levy. Travis will provide more information using this ratio with specific tax rate estimates for the community committee to use.

**Administration Reports:** Fall sports practices are in full swing. The custodians have worked very hard this summer and the building is ready to go. Mr. Fox welcomed the new HS/MS Principal, Mr. Dockstader and his wife, Tonishia and their two children to the district and the community.

**Participation in the Title I Program for 2016-2017:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Schmitt to approve the participation in the Title I program for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Participation in the Beginning Teacher Mentoring and Induction Program:**  Motion was made by Crawford, second by Staton to approve the participation in the 2016-2017 Beginning Teacher Mentoring and Induction Program. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Appointment of Attorney:** Motion was made by Stone, second by Schmitt to approve the appointment of Steven Weidner as the school attorney for 2016-2017. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Approval of Official Publication:** Motion was made by Schmitt second by Staton to approve the Winthrop News as the official newspaper for publication for the district. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Annual Treasurers Report:** Motion was made by Staton second by Crawford to approve the 2015-2016 Treasurer’s Annual Report.

**Petition for Election:** Motion was made by Schmitt second by Staton to approve the Petition for Election and set the election date as December 6, 2016. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Gymnasium Wall Mats:** Motion was made by Stone, second by Crawford to approve the purchase of new gymnasium wall mats so as not to exceed $7,000. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Bus Purchase:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Stone to approve the purchase of a new gas school bus in the amount of $84,620. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Board Policy 710.1 School Food Program Review:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Stone to table the review of Board Policy 710.1 School Food Program. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Preschool Contract**: Motion was made by Schmitt, second by Stone to approve the Contract with Kids Corner Daycare for 2016-2017 after attorney review. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Schmitt, second by Staton to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

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