East Buchanan Community School

Board Meeting – January 10, 2018

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 the society.” President Cook called the meeting to order promptly at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aaron Cook, Scott Cooksley, Chad Staton, Shawn Stone, Greg Schmitt

SUPERINTENDENT: Dan Fox

SECRETARY: Beth Weepie

HS PRINCIPAL: Eric Dockstader

Several visitors were present from the community.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**: Motion was made by Staton second by Schmitt to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all ayes. Consent Agenda contained the following: December Financial Statements; Minutes from the December 13, 2017 board meeting; Approve the hire of Jon Doese as MS Boys Basketball Coach; Approve the January expenditures listed and attached to the minutes herein. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stone, Staton, Cook, Schmitt; Naye: Cooksley. Motion carried 4-1.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:**

Erin Kelchen spoke to the board about re-opening the *FBLA* program and including a clothing store as part of a marketing curriculum. The board was in favor of this and thought it would be a good idea.

Tiffany Bowers spoke to the board the upcoming *Career Fair* on February 26, 2018 for all high school students. The day consists of a motivational speaker to talk to the students; then after the speaker, the students will be able to go into mini sessions with different businesses regarding different careers. There will be a trade show with 10-16 different businesses to display career choices with hands on projects.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Mr. Dockstader gave his administrative report. My Side of the Mountain is coming up and conferences are January 17th. Mr. Fox shared a very rough draft of next year’s calendar. Cooper, the new *therapy dog* is being implemented more in the hallways and classrooms. The kids are really enjoying his visits. Cooper is a labradoodle and is owned by Kim Levine. Mr. Fox talked about the status of the funds donated for the *greenhouse* and to begin thinking about placement along with purchases that will need to be made according to the stipulation of the grants. Mr. Fox will work with the committee regarding these purchases. Facilities Update: The stage is making good progress. Hoping by the end of January to have all of the walls put up. They are looking at May 1st to begin tearing down the existing shop building.

**ACCOUNTING II CLASS TRIP TO CHICAGO**: Jacob Hesner presented his request on behalf of the Accounting II class to visit Chicago. Motion was made by Stone second by Cooksley to approve the Accounting II class to go to Chicago on March 22-24. There will be 9 kids, 2 adults and will need two vans to travel with. Motion carried with all ayes.

**COPIER PURCHASE:** Motion was made by Staton second by Cooksley to *purchase a colored copier* from Copy Systems in the amount of $6,728.00 using PPEL funds. Motion carried with all ayes.

**LAND PURCHASED:** East Buchanan purchased the lots located west of the school and south of the daycare that was owned by John C. and Margaret Hogan in the amount of $100,000. Future plans haven’t been decided yet.

**CLOSED SESSION-Negotiations:** Motion was made by Staton second by Stone to go into closed session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy. Motion carried with all ayes. Motion was made by Staton second by Cooksley to come out of closed session at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

**ADJOURN**: Motion was made by Stone second by Schmitt to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Next regular board meeting is February 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

Beth Weepie

Business Manager/Board Secretary