East Buchanan Community School

Board Meeting – March 14, 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, Shawn Stone, Greg Schmitt

ABSENT: Chad Staton

SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL: Dan Fox

SECRETARY: Beth Weepie

HS PRINCIPAL: Eric Dockstader

Several visitors were present from the community.

CITIZENS FORUM: Kris Wilgenbusch spoke to the board.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**: Motion was made by Schmitt second by Stone to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all ayes. Consent Agenda contained the following: January and February Financial Statements; Minutes from the February 2018 board meeting; Approval of the March expenditures listed and attached to the minutes herein. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:**

**Dance Team:** Nicole Reck, Jenn Aldrich and Tiffany Lenox presented the activities that the Dance Team has done throughout this past year. They asked the board to consider adding this as a paid position.

Motion was made by Schmitt, second by Cooksley to pursue adding the position of Dance Team Coach be a part of the athletic program and move forward by adding the coaching position as a paid position. Motion carried 4-0.

**Student Council Trip Request:** Students from Student Council spoke to the board about attending the National Student Council conference in Plymouth, Minnesota. Motion was made by Stone, second by Schmitt to approve the student council to travel to Plymouth, Minnesota on June 24-27, 2018 and to provide transportation. Motion carried 4-0.

**Robotics Trip Request:** Mr. Blankenship spoke to the board about the Robotics being invited to the World Competition in Detroit, MI. Motion was made by Stone, second by Schmitt to approve the Robotics class to travel to the World Competition in Detroit, MI to compete on April 24 - April 29th, 2018 and to provide transportation. Motion carried 4-0.

**CTE update:**  Erin Kelchen, Tiffany Bowers, Glen Unwin talked about the Career Fair Day that was held and how successful of a day they had. Carl Olson was the speaker and that was the highlight to the day. The student council helped out with the day as well by preparing activities. It was a great day!

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**SECONDARY REPORT:** Mr. Dockstader talked about State Speech, and Mock Trial. The play is coming up this weekend. Students are very busy. Lots of great things going on at EB. Mr. Dockstader is still working on data regarding the cost of PSEO textbooks from surrounding school districts.

**ELEMENTARY REPORT:** Mr. Fox commended the elementary staff and how much they have achieved with the new reading and writing curriculum. Charles City had visited to observe the middle school teachers. The teachers have worked really hard and are also working with the AEA to continue learning.

**Facilities Update:** There has been a committee established regarding the inside of the new gymnasium (i.e. floors, colors, bleachers, etc.). There seems to be a little bowing with the current cement walls. This is being fixed by Larson Construction. So far everything is going well.

**Buccaneer Brag-a-bout:** Cooksley: “It’s great to see kids busy and parents too.” Schmitt: “It’s great to see all of the opportunities that are available to the students.” Stone: “The Wellness Committee is doing a lot of great things and have been working on updating the policy.” Cook: “The variety show was amazing and was so entertaining. Mrs. Giese and Mr. Landis did a great job.”

**Second Reading Board Policies:** Motion was made by Schmitt, second by Stone to approve the second reading of the following board policies: 406.1 Licenses Employee Compensation; 406.2 Licensed Employee Compensation Advancement; 406.4 Licensed Employee Compensation for Extra Duty; 406.6 Licensed

Employee Tax Shelter Programs; 410.1 Substitute Teachers; 412.4 Classified Employee Tax Shelter Programs; 706.2 Payroll Deductions; Board Election Updates:

201 Board of Directors’ Elections; 202.3 Term of Office. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing Date regarding 2018-2019 School Calendar:** Motion was made by Schmitt second by Cooksley to schedule April 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for the public hearing regarding the 2018-2019 school calendar. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing Date regarding 2018-2019 School Budget:**  Motion was made by Stone, second by Cooksley to set the hearing date regarding the 2018-2019 Budget on April 4, 2018 at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

**2016-2017 Audit Report:**  Motion was made by Schmitt, second by Cooksley to approve the 2016-2017 Audit Report. Motion carried 4-0.

**School Emergency Plan:**  Mr. Fox and Mr. Dockstader talked with Buchanan County Sheriff and Emergency Management regarding current plans in place in emergency situations at the district.

**Wrestling Mats Purchase:** Motion was made by Schmitt second by Stone to purchase two wrestling mats from EZ Flex in the amount of $16,336.00 to be purchased using VPPEL funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Session-Negotiations Strategy: Motion was made by Stone second by Cooksley to go into closed session regarding negotiations strategy pursuant to Board Policy 212(1). Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Schmitt second by Stone to come out of closed session at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Schmitt second by Cooksley to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Beth Weepie, Board Secretary

All motions carried on a five to zero vote unless otherwise noted. The above are not official minutes until approved at the next regular board meeting. A copy of the official minutes may be viewed in the office of the Board Secretary any Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.