East Buchanan Community School

Board Meeting – December 13, 2017

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

Absent: Greg Schmitt; Dan Fox, Superintendent;

SECRETARY: Beth Weepie

HS PRINCIPAL: Eric Dockstader

Several visitors were present from the community.

CITIZENS FORUM: None.

**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 Cooksley to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all ayes. Consent Agenda contained the following: November Financial Statements; Minutes from the November 15, 2017 board meeting; Approve the hire of Mark VanLaningham as night custodian; Approve the Early Graduation requests of Students A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Approve the December expenditures listed and attached to the minutes herein. Motion carried with all ayes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Mr. Dockstader gave his administrative report.

Facilities Update: Mike Kerkove gave his report regarding the current construction progress. The crane will arrive Monday to prepare for setting up the walls. The walls are being built in Muscatine and then transported here by semi. Walls are scheduled to arrive on December 26th.

**First and Second Reading of Board Policies 501 – 503.4** Motion was made by Stone second by Cooksley to approve the first and second readings of board policies 501-503.4 with the change of parent to parent/guardian. Motion carried with all ayes.

**SBRC Application – Modified Allowable Growth for Services for Returning Dropouts and Dropout:** Motion was made by Staton second by Stone to approve the SBRC Application – Modified Allowable Growth for Services for Returning Dropouts and Dropout request in the amount of $124, 888 for 2018-2019. Motion carried with all ayes.

**SBRC Application for Special Education Administrative Costs with River Hills Consortium for 2018-2019:** Motion was made by Stone second by Staton to approve the SBRC Application for Special Education Administrative Costs with River Hills Consortium for 2018-2019 in the amount of $1,510.35. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Copier purchase:** Motion was made by Staton second by Stone to table the purchase of a copier to next month to receive more specific information. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Resolution Supporting the IPERS System:** Motion was made by Stone second by Cooksley to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 0615-17

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM (IPERS)

WHEREAS, The hard-working women and men in East Buchanan Community School District are the foundation of our school district, and;

WHEREAS, Employees are entitled to basic protections and promises that the State has made to them, including the right to expect that IPERS not be negatively changed or the benefits of current or future employees be put at risk, and; WHEREAS, Any changes to IPERS that would diminish retirement security and predictability will hurt employee morale and lead to the inability to attract and retain dedicated, well-trained, experienced, and conscientious public servants, and;

WHEREAS, East Buchanan Board of Education values our employees and the relationships that have been established, and we strongly believe that our community and our state benefit when employees have a strong and predictable retirement system.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be immediately sent to members of the Iowa Press, the Office of the Governor, and all Representatives and Senators of the Iowa State Legislature. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Buccaneer Brag-a-bout:** Board MemberCooksley: “Teamwork. The transportation unit takes a lot of participation from a lot of different people to make things run smooth and he commends the transportation staff, office staff and teaching staff all work well together daily to make this happen.” President Cook: “The 8th grade class is putting on a presentation along with a question and answer class that involves the public. He liked their efforts in communicating with the public. Board Member Stone: “The school lunches are so much better this year and I appreciates that as my daughter isn’t bringing her lunch as much.”

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Staton, second by Cooksley to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Next meeting is January 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

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Beth Weepie, Board Secretary Aaron Cook, Board President