

**MINUTES - EUREKA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**7:30**

**November 12, 2010, LCHS MEDIA CENTER**

**Board Members Present:** Don Hammack, James Schmidt, John Harris, Jon Leonard, Chris Brown, Donna Lowery, and Joan LeFrancois

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Superintendent Jim Mephram, Principal Joel Graves, Principal Trevor Utter, Business Manager/Clerk Becky Evins, Larry Cheek-TV News, Floyd Carvey, John Sauls, Michele Sauls, Sheila Bartmess and Ed Newell.

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair LeFrancois asked James Schmidt to lead the pledge.

**General Public Comment:** None

**Reports**

**HS Student Council:** Katie Thompson, Student Council President and Student Council Representative, Marissa Jones-Flaget gave a brief report on what the High School Student Council had been involved in this year and what upcoming activities are being planned.

**Activities Director:** Ed Newell reported on the fall activities participation which showed it was up to 53% from 42% last year. He reported the High School had received a Sportsmanship award for the second year. He reported that the change in eligibility made last year has helped the coaches, students and him to be more on top of any problems with grades. There were fewer students ineligible this year. He thinks we are going in the right direction. Winter sports begin November 18 for Wrestling and November 22 for the other activities. John Harris praised Mr. Newell on his Football team and their sportsmanship

**Curriculum Demonstration:** Darlene Ruble High School Science teacher gave a power point presentation from the experiment she had presented to her class that won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. She explained how she teaches science and how different assignments are graded.

**Board Reports**

**Facilities report:**

John Harris reported on the progress of the Heater-Ventilator project. He also reported that the second round of Energy grants semi-finalists would be announced next week. In the Junior High Gym the windows are in and invited everyone to stop by and see what an improvement it made.

**PR report:**

Jon Leonard reported on the Valley Pride newspaper and that it should be out tomorrow. They are going to shoot for 3 papers per year.

**Communications**

None

**Review Agenda**

**Motion:** Chair LeFrancois asked if there were any changes or additions to the consent agendas. Several changes were noted. Sara Curp added to Custodial sub list. She has already been approved for Teacher substitute.

Chair LeFrancois then stated they can be approved by unanimous consent with the changes.

**Consent Agenda (E)**

- a. Approval of minutes: October 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting (10/11 – 15 E)
- b. Approval of Claims for Elementary (10/11 – 16 E) \$100,497.31
- c. Approval of Payroll for Elementary (10/11 – 17 E) \$314,040.73
- d. Approval of Elementary Transportation/Out of District Attendance Agreements (none)
- e.

**Consent Agenda (HS)**

- a. Approval of minutes: October 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting (10/11 – HS)
- b. Approval of Claims for High School (10/11 – 16 HS) \$54,650.71
- c. Approval of Payroll for High School (10/11 – 17HS) \$156,088.76
- d. Approval of High School Transportation/Out of District Attendance Agreements (None)

Both consent agendas were approved by unanimous consent.

## Administrative Report

- a. Principal Lucey-Absent
- b. Principal Utter: Discussed his new policy for 8<sup>th</sup> grades using a credit system. Principal Utter reported that at the end of the first grading period he had no F's. He was very pleased and feels the credit system is working with his students. He would like to implement it into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year. He discussed a Tech survey he plans to give to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences to assess the needs of the families in the District regarding Technology. Leadership groups are being formed in the Junior High and each will tackle different problem areas.
- c. Principal Graves: Discussed that the Freshman F list is way down and thinks that the Closed Campus he started with the freshman this year has helped. Today was the first day they were allowed off campus. He is planning to track this. He talked to the Board about his idea for increasing credit expectations and how it would work for existing students. There would be a graduated process so present seniors and juniors will not be required to get the 25 credits. He hopes this will cut down on early graduation requests. In the past 3 ½ years only 1 that was granted early graduation is in college. He then discussed his plan for Guidance study classes that he would like to implement next semester. These will be taught by certified teachers. He will use MAP scores to place students. This will be an elective credit. Principal Graves then talked about his teams of teachers working on School improvement.
- d. Superintendent Mephram: Superintendent Mephram reported that we could be looking at a \$400,000 shortage in funding for the District next year. He is looking for other sources of money and he is looking at areas we may have to cut from. He talked about possibly running a onetime only Technology levy to the public this next spring. He had contacted several other schools and this is what they had done. He will bring more information to the Board. Superintendent Mephram then informed the Board as to the AYP battle and where it stands. OPI will not change their mind even if they are wrong. The District will work towards making sure it doesn't happen to us next year. He then discussed our hiring policy and how it works. He discussed our background checks and results and what is done if it comes back with any problems.

## New Business

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading Cell Phone Policy**- Mr. Mephram asked the members of the Student Council for their input asked them to take it back to the Student Council and have them write up a policy the students would find acceptable. This will be presented at the December meeting.

## Personnel Report

### a. Elementary/Junior High

1. Accept resignation of Kim Miller.

**Motion:** Donna Lowery moved to accept Kim Miller's resignation. Chris Brown second, passed unanimously.

2. Add to Substitute list;

Sara Curp	Custodial
Hannah Parker	Teachers sub K-8, Kitchen, Office
Don Renkema	Teachers sub K-8

**Motion:** Jon Leonard move to accept the Elementary personnel report.  
John Harris second, passed unanimously.

### b. High School

1. Add to Substitute list;

Sara Curp	Custodial
Hannah Parker	Teachers sub 9-12, Kitchen, Office
Don Renkema	Teachers sub 9-12

**Motion:** Donna Lowery move to accept the High School personnel report.  
Chris Brown second, passed unanimously.

2. Accept the resignation of the 3 Volleyball Coaches

**Motion:** Jon Leonard moved to accept the resignations of the 3 Volleyball coaches, Donna

Lowery second, passed unanimously

**Closed Session:** Chairman LeFrancois said this meeting is an open meeting but the two matters coming before the Board tonight concerns a student who is a minor. The student’s right to privacy outweighs the public’s right to know; therefore this meeting will be closed to the public. No action will be taken during the closed session. Only the parents can open the meeting, so the meeting will remain closed unless the parents request it to be open. Chair LeFrancois asked the parents if they wanted the meeting open and they both indicated they did not.

**1<sup>st</sup> Closed Session:** The meeting was closed at 9:15. The meeting reopened at 9:58.

Chair LeFrancois opened the meeting and called it back to order.

Superintendent Mepham recommended expulsion for a High School student and that readmission will be done through the School Board.

**Motion:** Donna Lowery moved to accept Superintendent Mepham’s recommendation and terms. Second by Chris Brown, passed unanimously.

At that time the student asked that was it and Superintendent Mepham explained that he was expelled from school and was not allowed on school property. The student got up and said “Well, f\*\*k you very much,” and he left.

Chair LeFrancois told the Board we would move to the second hearing.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Closed Session:** The meeting was closed at 10:00. The meeting reopened at 10:05.

Superintendent Mepham recommended we suspend student as per to policy.

**Motion:** James Schmidt moved to follow policy and suspend the student until sports start next fall. Donna Lowery second, passed unanimously.

**Prep Agenda**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Cell

John Harris report on MCEL

Junior High Curriculum presentation

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Jon Leonard moved to adjourn. Donna Lowery seconded, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Date

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Clerk of Board