

MINUTES - EUREKA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
7:30
December 9, 2010, LCHS MEDIA CENTER

Board Members Present: Donna Lowery, Joan LeFrancois, Jon Leonard, James Schmidt, and John Harris

Board Members Absent: Christine Brown and Don Hammack

Others Present: Superintendent Jim Mephram, District Business Manager Becky Evins, Principal Trevor Utter, Principal Cari Lucey, Heather Dunn, Rob Reynolds, and Larry Cheek of the Tobacco Valley News.

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

Board Reports

Curriculum demonstration: Heather Dunn gave a Science presentation from the Middle School Curriculum. She showed a Power Point example of what her students are learning and how they are using Technology to be up to date on current knowledge of science. She also showed the board where to go to get the curriculum information on the OPI site. The Board thanked Mrs. Dunn for her time and information she presented.

Facilities report: John Harris reported that the Heater/Ventilator is nearing completion and that hopefully this will be done over Christmas vacation. The controls in the High School Auditorium should be finished over the vacation too. The Board decided to hold back 10% of the funds for the project until after the commissioning by CTA is been completed. This should be finished in January of 2011. John Harris reported we did not make the short list for the second round grant we had applied for. He then reported on MCEL meetings and his other meetings he has been attending.

PR report: Jon Leonard reported that the PR committee will meet January 6 to discuss the next issue of the Valley Pride. John Harris thought that it would be good community relations to get more articles in the local paper about what is happening in the schools.

Communications: A letter from Steve Mangold was read.

Review Agenda:

Motion: Chair LeFrancois asked if there were any changes or additions to the consent agendas. Superintendent Mephram added Mariah Newell to the Elementary substitute list. John Harris wanted the minutes from the last meeting to reflect that he had requested a Special Board meeting to discuss curriculum. The changes were noted she then stated they can be approved by unanimous consent with the changes.

Consent Agenda (E)

- a. Approval of minutes: November 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting (10/11 –18E)
- b. Approval of Claims for Elementary (10/11 – 19E) \$174,562.46
- c. Approval of Payroll for Elementary (10/11 – 20 E) \$322,402.88
- d. Approval of Elementary Transportation/Out of District Attendance Agreements

Consent Agenda (HS)

- a. Approval of minutes: November 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting (10/11 – 18HS)
- b. Approval of Claims for High School (10/11 – 19 HS) \$50,381.33
- c. Approval of Payroll for High School (10/11 – 20 HS) \$154,464.72
- d. Approval of High School Transportation/Out of District Attendance Agreements

Both consent agendas were approved by unanimous consent.

Administrative Report

- a. Principal Lucey: Principal Lucey reported that the Elementary Concert is Dec. 14. She talked about community service the elementary is doing by shoveling sidewalk, delivering stockings to the Mountain View residents, caroling and making cookies. Principal Lucey reported that Dibbles testing is still being done with the high needs students. She discussed the ability groups and how

they have been doing some moving to accommodate the student's needs. Principal Lucey also told the Board that she is checking data and trying to figure out how much time is actually being spent really teaching students.

- b. Principal Utter: Principal Utter discussed the Computer Lab that has moved to the Middle School. He also told the Board that since school started he has only had 6 offenses with the misuse of cell phones. He had no second offenses. He reported the playground committee has been discussing what they want to do to the playground. They are trying to come up with realistic expectations.
- c. Principal Graves: Principal Graves was absent. He had asked Principal Utter to present the Guidance study program they have been working on together. This is where they would get data from the 8th grade student's tests and grades. They would explain to the 8th graders that the grades they get now will determine what will be available to them as freshmen. This would be having an elective or getting help in areas they are behind in.
- d. Superintendent Mephram: Superintendent Mephram addressed the budgetary shortfall we will be facing next year. He suggested that we have a Board workshop in January to do some budget brainstorming. He also suggested that they could discuss curriculum at the same time. He expressed that contrary to what the newspaper stated he would not endorse any type of mill levy. Our numbers are going to be down for years looking at the numbers in the Elementary. He wanted to make clear that the Technology levy he had mentioned was not for new or more computers but to keep what we have up to date each year so we don't fall behind. Depreciation of technology equipment happens quickly and we need to stay on top of it. Superintendent Mephram then discussed a gun incident that happened in Columbia Falls and what had/was happening. He indicated that he likes the policy we have that allows the discretion of the principal and superintendent to decide what action needs to be taken. He emphasized that it is not alright to have guns at school no matter what but things happen and we have had this at our school and our Policy has worked well. He then discussed with the Board the Biomass and the present design that allows only one load of chips to be stored. This becomes a problem over weekends and the timing of the chip loads that we get. John Hammond is looking at several ideas for a blower system that would help with this problem. Superintendent Mephram also talked about the renovations that must be done to the Junior High gym bleachers and the cost.

New Business

- a. Cell Phone Policy 2nd Reading
Katie Thomson, Student Council President, reported that the student body endorses the policy as presented with the addition of the discretion of the principal. Superintendent Mephram asked the Board to put off the final vote until next month with the understanding it will be in use by the schools until it is voted on.
Motion: James Schmidt moved to wait until the next meeting to have the final vote but that the schools use it as presented until that time.
John Harris second, passed unanimously.

Personnel Report

A. Elementary/Junior High

- 1. Add to Substitute list;
 - Pam Rumble Teachers sub 1-4, Office
 - Taylor Holder Teachers sub 1-8, Office
 - Kelly Williams Teachers sub K-8, Office
 - Paul Younglove Custodial
 - Dixie Taylor Office, Kitchen, Custodial
 - Katherine Brokos Teachers sub 1-8, Office, Kitchen, Bus Driver
 - Mariah Newell Teachers sub K-8

Motion: James Schmidt move to accept the Elementary personnel report.
Jon Leonard second, passed unanimously.

B. High School

- 1. Add to Substitute list;
 - Kelly Williams Teachers sub 9-12, Office

Paul Younglove Custodial
Dixie Taylor Office, Kitchen, Custodial
Katherine Brokos Teachers sub 9-12, Office, Kitchen, Bus Driver

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

Prep Agenda

John Hammond- Bus Route Times
Superintendent Evaluations
Cell Phone Policy Final Reading
Elementary presentation
Board Workshop

Adjournment

Motion: Donna Lowery moved to adjourn. Jon Leonard seconded, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9: 05 p.m.

Board Chair

Date

Clerk of Board