

# EAST MARSHALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## *Regular Meeting*

September 20, 2021

The Board for the East Marshall Community School District met in a Regular Session on 09/20/21 at the East Marshall District Office in Gilman at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Andrea Terrones, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, and Ann Dee Bloom. Members Absent: Craig Mommer. Also present: Superintendent Anthony Ryan, Administrative Assistant Allison Frost, Principals Cathy DeBondt and Kim Tarbell.

Chairman Terrones called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Superintendent Anthony Ryan took roll call to determine a quorum for the meeting. Members Present: Andrea Terrones, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, and Ann Dee Bloom. Members Absent: Craig Mommer. Board Member Crandon read the District's mission statement.

**GREET VISTORS AND HEAR CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS:** Some patrons addressed the board with concerns and comments.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion by Hungerford, second by Bloom to approve the agenda. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Board requested to pull item H from the consent agenda. Mr. Ryan presented the following consent agenda items to the Board: 3A) Bells and Whistles reports; 3B) Approve minutes from the August 18, 2021 Special Meeting, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting; 3C) Approve bills, invoices and financial statements; 3D) Approve the following fundraising requests: PoP! Power of Purpose: Step It Up! Profits to be used for end of year celebrations for student, rewards/prizes for PBIS, physical education equipment and supplies and instructional supplies; American Heart Association/American Heart Challenge. No profits, but rewarded with gift certificates for US Games for PE equipment; Work Football Concession Stand on 09/17/21. Profits to be used for Recess equipment and PBIS rewards; East Marshall FFA Fruit Fundraiser. Profits to be used to FFA chapter events, entry fees, etc. 3E) Approve annual agreement with Center Associates; 3F) Approve agreement with William Penn for Student Teachers. 3G) There were no interagency agreements this month. 3Ha) Approval of the following Open Enrollment In for 2021-2022, meeting good cause: Hayden Benesh—Pre-K, Isai Jurado—Kdg, Josie Knight—2<sup>nd</sup>, Kaden Betts—12<sup>th</sup>, Dyllan Betts—10<sup>th</sup>, Daniel Martinez—1<sup>st</sup>, Ailett Molina-Diaz—Kdg. 3Hb) Approval of the following Open Enrollment Out for 2021-2022, meeting good cause: Myleigh Pansegrau—8<sup>th</sup>, Rylie Mason—12<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Gibson—8<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln Henderson—Kdg. 3Ia) Approve the following Resignations: Vickie Gummert as High School Custodian; Megan Ash as Pre-School Associate 3Ib) Approval of Retirements: None. 3Ic) Approval of the following contracts: Katherine Kerr as Middle School Associate at \$9.30/hour; Denny Allen as Prom Sponsor at \$330.00; John Koorsen as bus driver at \$ \$19,710.00; Matt Bowie as High School Assistant Football Coach at \$1541.00. 3J) Reports from the principals and directors as presented in the Board Packet.

Motion by Crandon, second by Hungerford to approve the consent agenda as presented and with the 2 additions for Open Enrollments. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS CONTRUCTION PROGRESS (ESTES):** Mr. Ryan stated that there are a few items left to complete the overall project. Discussion on extending the fence line at the Softball field; dug outs at the JV field have been torn out and are not being replaced at this time; expecting a quote for signage at the football field; looking at options for a greenhouse. Supplies are hard to get right now and are more expensive.

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS:** Approval of Change Orders for Construction Progress (Estes) \$12, 071.61. Mr. Ryan stated we are nearing the end of the derecho updates. Motion to approve by Hungerford, second by Crandon. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS RETURN TO LEARN, MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND LEGAL UPDATES:** The Board held discussion on current strategies and how mitigation efforts were effective last school year. Members are concerned about increasing numbers and what needs to be done to keep kids and staff safe and in school. Mr. Ryan complimented staff for working diligently on maintaining mitigation strategies. Mr. Ryan stated that the updated Return to Learn is posted on the East Marshall website. Board Member Terrones requested to continue with current mitigation strategies-- keep handwashing and social distancing in place and to have a plan in place in the event Covid cases rise in the school buildings. The Board will follow IDPH guidance as well. Board members decided that masks will be mandated if any building in the district reaches 10% or more absentee rates due to illness. Masks will only be required in the building(s) that has the 10% or more absentee rate. Masks will be worn for 14 calendar days once the percentage drops below the 10%. If the percentage goes back above 10% at any time in those 14 days, the count of days will start over. Motion to approve by Bloom, second by Crandon. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**RECEIVE AND APPROVE LOCAL AGENCY EDUCATIONS AGENCY CERTIFIED ANNUAL**

**REPORT (CAR):** Mr. Ryan presented the District's 2020-21 Certified Annual Report to the Board. Mr. Ryan recapped the changed from the prior year Certified Annual Report. Motion by Hungerford, second by Crandon. Roll call: Terrones: Aye; Crandon: Aye; Hungerford: Aye; Bloom: Aye.

**RECEIVE AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR NEGATIVE SPEDICAL EDUCATION BALANCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDETARY**

**REPORT:** Mr. Ryan presented the District's 2020-21 Special Education Supplement Report to the Board. Mr. Ryan explained that the District ended 2020-21 year with a positive Special Education balance of \$204,958.04. Motion by Crandon, second by Bloom to approve the Special Education Supplement Report as presented. Roll call: Terrones: Aye; Crandon: Aye; Hungerford: Aye; Bloom: Aye

**RECEIVE AND APPROVE TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL REPORTS:** Mr. Ryan presented the District's 2020-21 Transportation Annual Report to the Board. Motion by Hungerford, second by Bloom to approve the Transportation Annual Report as presented. Roll call: Terrones: Aye; Crandon: Aye; Hungerford: Aye; Bloom: Aye

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FIRST READING OF POLICY 903.4:** Mr. Ryan stated that legal counsel recommends referencing part of the policy in the handbook. Board members decided to table the first reading of the policy and will have administration return with a recommendation. Motion to table by Hungerford, second by Crandon. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON LEGISLATIVE DINNER:** Mr. Ryan stated that the dinner is scheduled for December 1, 2021.

**DISCUSSION OF PANDEMIC STIMULUS FUNDING:** Discussion held on the stimulus funding/ESSER 3 monies. Mr. Ryan stated that we cannot put the spending off for too long as it does have a deadline/expire date to be used. Mr. Ryan said we should be hearing from the architect soon.

**DISCUSSION IASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Discussion held regarding the annual conference. Mr. Ryan stated that he would like all members to be present. Conference is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of 2021. Board member Crandon will be the Delegate.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER BOARD MEETING DATE ADJUSTMENT:** Discussion held on changing the meeting date to October 25, 2021. Motion to approve by Hungerford, pending conversation with Board member Mommer, second by Crandon. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF A DATE FOR A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** Discussion held on a Special Meeting/Work Session with IASB on September 22, 2021 at 7pm.

**DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL BRANDING/LOGO UPDATES AND ESTIMATES:** Mr. Ryan stated that he has met with three companies to obtain quotes and estimates. Mr. Ryan and the sales reps visited all sites to get some ideas. A committee will be formed to consider all options and to unveil the new suggested district logo.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Ryan provided an update to the Board on the following items: Progress on projects from the derecho are nearing the end, JV softball field dugouts have been addressed but fencing needs to be replaced; Homecoming week was adjusted to meet the needs of the accident from Thursday night; Sarah Schutt will leading the committee through conversations for the new district logo; Asked three companies to come in for branding throughout the district; A lot of dynamics tot eh COVID/mask topic; ISASP annual test scores are back and are currently reviewing the scores; Beginning of the school year is off to a good start; FEH, our new architect, will be drafting an agreement for us to consider, but legal counsel will review it first; The bus that was in the accident is currently in storage, and we are waiting on insurance for next steps; School Board members have been briefed on many topics over the past few weeks, and if they have any questions, they can contact Mr. Ryan.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Crandon, second by Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 8:49. Carried unanimously.

Attest: Allison Frost, Administrative Assistant

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Andrea Terrones, Board President