

## MEETING MINUTES

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### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

You are hereby notified that the Board of Education of the East Marshall Community School District will conduct a Regular School Board meeting at the District Office in Gilman, Iowa on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30pm (Regular Meeting will begin after the adjournment of the Public Hearing).

At the meeting, the tentative agenda will be as follows:

#### Attendees

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##### **Voting Members**

Andrea Terrones, Board President  
Elizabeth Crandon, Board Vice President  
AnnDee Bloom, Board Member  
Lisa Meling, Board Member  
Megan Ruopp, Board Member

##### **Non-Voting Members**

Anthony Ryan, Superintendent  
Allison Frost, Business Manager

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#### **1. Call Meeting to Order, Read the Mission Statement, and Approve Agenda**

Board President called the Regular meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. after the conclusions of the public hearings. Meling read the mission statement. Crandon made the motion to approve the agenda; Second by Ruopp. All in favor.

Those in attendance are Andrea Terrones, Elizabeth Crandon, Ann Dee Bloom, Megan Ruopp, and Lisa Meling; Superintendent Anythony Ryan; Business Manager/Board Secretary Allison Frost; Principals Matt Rasmusson, Kim Tarbell, and Cathy DeBondt.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Megan Ruopp

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

## **2. Greet Visitors and Hear Citizen Concerns and Comments.**

No visitors or citizens in attendance.

## **3. Staff Presentation(s): Special Education Delivery Plan**

Delann Soenksen, Director of Special Education, presented the Special Education Delivery Plan. This is a required 5 year review process. Delann met with a committee, as prescribed by Central Rivers AEA, that consisted of AEA staff, East Marshall Sped staff, parents, and AEA/EM administration. Mr. Ryan recommends that the board approve the Special Education Delivery Plan, as presented.

## **4. Approve Consent Agenda**

Crandon made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Second by Bloom. All in favor.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: AnnDee Bloom

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

### **A. Good Things in Schools**

#### **a. Bells and Whistles**

#### **b. Other**

### **B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the 3/25/24 Regular Meeting and the 3/25/24 Public Hearing.

### **C. Approval of Bills, Invoices, and Financial Statements**

Approval of Bills, Invoices and Financial Statements as presented.

### **D. Approve donations and fundraisers .**

No donations or fundraisers to present.

## **E. Approval of Continuation of Extra-curricular Sharing Agreements.**

The following Sharing Agreements of Extra-Curricular Activities were approved: Girls Wrestling with South Tama (if they are able to take us); Boys Wrestling (East Marshall will host GMG and Meskwaki); Boys/Girls Tennis, Bowling, Swimming/Diving with Marshalltown; Girls Soccer with South Tama (if they are able to take us); Boys Soccer with West Marshall and Consortium of Schools

## **F. Approval of Interfund Transfers.**

## **G. Approve Interagency Special Education Agreement(s).**

## **H. Approvals of Open Enrollment**

### **a. Open Enrollment IN**

The following Open -Enrollments were approved into East Marshall: 2023-2024: Olivia Batterson, 9th grade, from Marshalltown; 2024-2025: Dottie Thurm, KDG, from Marshalltown; Jett Nablo, PK, from Marshalltown.

### **b. Open Enrollment OUT**

No Open Enroll Outs to approve

## **I. Approvals on Resignations, Retirements & Contracts**

### **a. Resignations**

The following resignations were presented and approved: Tashina Azure-Mitchell, Elementary secretary, effective 4/19/24; Crystal Krough, Middle School Cook, effective 4/5/24; Jerod Staton, 3rd grade teacher, effective end of 23-24 contract year; Charles Friend, FT sub, effective end of 23-24 contract year; Ryan Carroll, High School Science teacher, effective end of 23-24 contract year; Julie Allison, Middle School Girls Basketball coach, effective 4/11/24.

### **b. Retirements**

### **c. Contracts**

The following contracts were approved: Jodi Fuller as High School Summer Teacher June 3-20, 2024 at \$25/hour; Tara Lynn as Middle School Strat I teacher for 2024-2025 (wage TBD); Cole Scafferi as 7th/8th Social Studies Teacher for 2024-2025 (wage TBD)

## **J. Reports from Principals and Directors**

### **a. High School, Middle School, and Elementary Principals**

Principal reports were presented for review.

### **b. Buildings & Grounds Director**

### **c. Technology Director Report**

**5. Discussion on Facilities Planning Update (FEH Architects).**

Tyler Riley with FEH was not able to attend. Mr. Ryan gave some updates and gave a brief explanation on bonding options: The Voted PPEL is approved through 2035 now. Options for Bonds: Voted GO Bond at \$2.70=\$12.6 million while at \$4.05 would equal to \$18.9 million. November is now the only month for voting on a GO Bond. Mr. Ryan would like to get Matt Gillaspie and Tyler Riley both here to talk more details about the bonding, rollbacks, etc

**6. Approval of Date for Work Session (FEH Architects).**

The board discussed and approved having a Work Session on April 22, 2024, at 7pm at the District office. The board will be working with Tyler Riley and Matt Gillaspie on the facilities planning. Would also like to get another work session scheduled for May or early June; should have survey results back by that time to review. Crandon made the motion to approve the Work Session for 4/22/24 at 7pm; Second by Ruopp. All in favor.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Megan Ruopp

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

**7. Approval of 5 Year Renewal of Special Education Deliver Plan.**

Meling made the motion to approve the 5-year renewal of the Special Education Delivery Plan, as presented; Second by Bloom. All in favor.

Motion made by: Lisa Meling

Motion seconded by: AnnDee Bloom

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

**8. Approval of FY25 Annual Budget. (Roll Call)**

The published and presented FY25 annual budget was reviewed. The published tax rate is 10.875. Motion to approve the FY25 Annual Budget, as presented, made by Crandon; Second by Meling. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Bloom: Aye; Crandon: Aye; Meling: Aye; Terrones: Aye; Ruopp: Aye

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Lisa Meling

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

## 9. Approval of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar, as presented, made by Meling; Second by Ruopp. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Crandon: Aye; Meling: Aye; Terrones: Aye; Ruopp: Aye; Bloom: Aye.

Motion made by: Lisa Meling

Motion seconded by: Megan Ruopp

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

## 10. Approval of Graduate List for 2024 Graduation.

Motion made by Crandon to approve the 2024 Graduate List, as presented, pending assurance of meeting the minimum graduation standards as prescribed in School Board Policy; Second by Ruopp. All in favor.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Megan Ruopp

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

## 11. Discussion on Legislative Updates.

Mr. Ryan addressed the board with the following Legislative updates and information:

The "AEA Bill" has a lot of moving parts. Central Rivers AEA has met with superintendents and have solicited feedback for planning and moving into next year. The Board was made aware of other AEAs in the state are asking school districts to commit to two-year agreements for services for planning purposes. It is anticipated that Central Rivers AEA will head in this direction. Central Rivers AEA will still provide the special education services for the time being. However, the landscape may change due to the Iowa Department of Education being involved at an AEA local level. The AEA media services are the largest change in the short-term. There are a lot of unknowns right now.

The minimum teacher salary portion of the legislative bill still has some unknowns and we are working through these items. TSS money does not follow the student(s). Therefore, districts with high open enrollment in will not receive the dollar for dollar as other districts. This is technically not a negotiations topic. However, Allison and I plan on having conversations with our local association on this topic. In the end, 100% of the TSS money will be paid out to teachers. A final recommendation on the approach to the new legislation will be brought to the school board in the near future.

## 12. Approval of Second & Final Reading to Policies 705.01, 705.01R1, 705.01R2, 705.04, & 705.04R1 (Updates for Federal Grants).

Motion by Crandon to approve the Second and Final Readings of 705.01, 705.01R1, 705.01R2, 705.04 and 705.04R1, as presented; Second by Ruopp. All in favor.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Megan Ruopp

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Vote Not Recorded

Elizabeth Crandon - Vote Not Recorded

AnnDee Bloom - Vote Not Recorded

Lisa Meling - Vote Not Recorded

Megan Ruopp - Vote Not Recorded

**13. Approval of First Reading of Policy Primers (401.13, 401.13R1, 405.02, 411.02, 502.07, 507.08R1, 605.06, 605.06R1, 605.08, 605.08R1, 701.01, 701.02, 701.03, 701.04, 703.10, 704.01, 704.06, 704.06R1, 706.01, 706.02, 706.03, 706.03R1, 707.01, 707.04, 707.06,) . RECIND: (504.5, 504.5R1, 703.2, 707.02, 707.03.)**

Discussion of the presented policies occurred. Motion by Crandon and second by Meling to approve the First Reading of Policy Primers 401.13, 401.13R1, 405.02, 411.02, 502.07, 507.08R1, 605.06, 605.06R1, 605.08, 605.08R1, 701.01, 701.02, 701.03, 701.04, 703.10, 704.01, 704.06, 704.06R1, 706.01, 706.02, 706.03, 706.03R1, 707.01, 707.04, 707.06 and Rescind 504.5, 504.5R1, 703.2, 707.02, 707.03;

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Lisa Meling

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes

**14. Discussion of Annual Liability Insurance Updates, Recommended Coverages, and Anticipated Premium Increases.**

Mr. Ryan gave a brief update on upcoming insurance renewals that should be arriving soon. Increases are anticipated. Renewals will be discussed with the board, once received.

**15. Board Professional Development Dialogue/Activity.**

The new book, *The School Board Member's Role Guidebook*, was handed out at the February board meeting. The board members and Mr. Ryan read the first chapter and discussed what they read and highlighted the key takeaway points.

**16. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Ryan discussed the following with the board:

\*ISASP testing has occurred over the past few weeks.

\*SEAL Philanthropy group participated in the annual organizational ceremony earlier this month. The district was awarded the supportive grant funding for the Backpack Program again this year.

\*Prom is scheduled for next weekend (4/20). The event will be held at MCC with the After-prom taking place at the high school.

\*Legislative bill currently moving through the process--regarding school districts allowing employees to carry firearms. More will be discussed on this topic if the Governor signs the bill.

\*The NICL conference voted to increase gate admission fees for athletic events. New fee for the 2024-2025 school year will be \$7 for both adults and students.

\*The middle school and high school math departments have been looking at possible curriculum

purchases

\*Last day of school-if all snow days are made up, the last day would be May 28th. Discussion between board members and Mr. Ryan. The plan is to have the last day for students on Friday May 24th. Certified staff will be required to work on May 28 & 29. Hourly staff will have the option to work, use a personal day, or they may choose not to work and will not be paid.

## 17. Adjourn

9:15 pm Cradnon made the motion to Adjourn; Second by Meling. All in favor.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Crandon

Motion seconded by: Lisa Meling

Voting:

Andrea Terrones - Yes

Elizabeth Crandon - Yes

AnnDee Bloom - Yes

Lisa Meling - Yes

Megan Ruopp - Yes