

# East Buchanan Community Schools

## Board Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2011

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 society.”

President Young called the meeting to order in the board room at 6:01 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Tami Young, Aaron Cook, George Aberle, Matt Walthart  
**ABSENT:** Rod McGraw  
**SUPERINTENDENT:** Dan Fox  
**PRINCIPAL:** Tom Mossman  
**SECRETARY:** Beth Weepie  
**VISITORS:** Charity Palmer, Bill Slattery, Max Cherry, Stacy Marcus, Travis Johnson, Lee White, Nathaniel Chesher, Cory McBride, Kim Bockenstedt

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion was made by Cook, second by Walthart to approve the agenda with said changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion was made by Aberle, second by Cook to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Items on the Consent Agenda include:

Approval of the January 12, 2011 minutes;

Financial Statements;

Approval of the hire of Kelly Steffen as Elementary Counselor;

Approval of the hire of Byron Reeder as High School Math Teacher;

Approval of the hire of Phil Steffen as Drivers Ed Instructor;

Approval of the February expenditures listed and attached to the minutes herein.

**SECOND READINGS:** Motion was made by Walthart, second by Cook to approve the second reading of Board Policies: 400-404 as is with said changes with the exception of Policy 403.R1 for further information at next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Tami Young called the hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of determining an early start date for the 2011-12 school year. Superintendent Fox recommended that school start on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. President Young asked for any comments from those present.

No further comments being heard, President Young declared the hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

Motion was made by Aberle, second by Walthart to set Wednesday, August 24, 2011 as the first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTING TRIP TO CHICAGO:** Stacy Marcus gave the board an itinerary for the Accounting II trip to Chicago from April 28, 2011 to May 1, 2011 and asked for their permission to leave the state. Cook moved, Aberle seconded to allow Stacy and the Accounting II students to go to Chicago. Motion carried unanimously.

**MUSIC TRIP APPROVAL:** Cory McBride and Nathaniel Chesher gave the board an itinerary and requested permission for the vocal and band students to take a trip to either Nashville, TN or Orlando, FL at the end of March 2012 for approximately 6 or 7 days. They would like to present the information to the parents as well to see what destination would be most favorable. Walthart moved, Cook seconded to allow Mr. McBride, Mr. Chesher, the band and vocal students to go on a trip at the end of March 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

### EMPLOYEE AND COMMUNITY

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Kim Bockenstedt presented information to the board about the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG). She spoke about the different subjects that she uses for each grade level. Some of those are Math Enrichment, Extended Math Curriculum, Book Club, Images of Greatness, Math Bee, Future Problem Solving and Battle of the Books.

Kim Bockenstedt

**STATE OF IOWA 403(b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT** Motion was made by Cook, second by Aberle to approve the participation with the State of Iowa to administer 403(b) services on behalf of the district. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

**IOWA CORE CURRICULUM:** Nothing new at this time.

Tom Mossman: Mr. Mossman spoke about ITBS testing which is spread out over five days. He also spoke about the upcoming Robotics Club competition and the field trips recently taken by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Fontana and Waterloo – Bank Iowa and Young Arena.

Dan Fox: Mr. Fox spoke about the application being made by Barb Sabin on behalf of the district to the Buchanan County Foundation for playground equipment. He also stated that with the recent snow days, the last day of school is May 27, 2011.

**FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS:**

Blue Notes will perform at the next board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Walthart, second by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**NEGOTIATIONS:**

The remainder of the meeting was spent in closed session discussing negotiation strategies.

Submitted by:

*Beth Weepie*  
Board Secretary

All motions carried on a four to zero vote unless otherwise noted. The above are not official minutes until approved at the next regular board meeting. A copy of the official minutes may be viewed in the office of the Board Secretary any Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.