

# East Buchanan Community Schools

## Board Meeting Minutes – March 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 6:02 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Tami Young, Aaron Cook, George Aberle, Matt Walthart, Rod McGraw  
**SUPERINTENDENT:** Dan Fox  
**PRINCIPAL:** Tom Mossman  
**SECRETARY:** Beth Weepie  
**VISITORS:** Jessie Lehs, James Hackert, Lu Lawrence, Felicia Halstead, Jerod Schultz, Byron Reeder, Phil Steffen, Kelsey Kerkove, Tara Robertson, Than Chesher, Mitch McGraw, Kevin Hesner, Michael Ellis, Ben Collison, Colton Fisher, Vincent Takes, Brent Auer, Rebecca Werner, Adrienne Staton, Chelsea Williamson, Hailey Kaiser

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None.

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

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

Approval of the February 9, 2011 minutes;

Financial Statements;

Approval of the resignation of Richard Rummel as custodian;

Approval of the resignation of Gene Sickels as custodian;

Approval of the resignation of Melissa Hesner as Science Teacher.

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

Mr. Fox expressed his gratitude for the 14 years of service by Mr. Rummel and said that those shoes were going to be hard to fill. Mr. Fox also stated that Mrs. Hesner had been a fantastic member of the staff and was very happy for her in her new endeavor as a Science Consultant for AEA267.

**SECOND READINGS:** Motion was made by Cook, second by McGraw to approve the second reading of Board Policy #402.3R1 Abuse of Students by School District Employees Report Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2011-2012 BUDGET HEARING DATE:**

Motion was made by McGraw, second by Aberle to schedule the 2011-2012 Budget Hearing for April 13, 2011 at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

Motion was made by Walthart, second by Cook to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar with the addition of using April 9, 2012 as an additional snow day if needed instead of adding it to the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SOCCER AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENCE CSD:**

Motion was made by McGraw, second by Aberle to approve the 2011-2012 Soccer Agreement with Independence CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ROOF REPLACEMENT NW CORNER OF BUILDING:**

The northwest corner of the building had water leakage in Mr. White's and Ms. Dolan's room during Christmas break. This has continued to be a problem. Mr. Fox informed the Board that PPEL funds were going to be used to replace the roof. The bid received was from Lynch Roofing in the amount of \$17,150.

### **DRIVERS EDUCATION FEES 2011-2012**

Motion was made by Cook, second by Aberle to approve the Drivers Education Fee to students at \$275.00 per student. The Drivers Education instructor will be paid \$195.00 per student. Said increase is to begin the Summer of 2011. These costs were changed to compensate for the increase in fuel prices and to be comparative with other school districts. Motion carried unanimously.

### **EMPLOYEE AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jessie Lehs

Jessie Lehs presented information to the board about the Title I program. She explained how important this program is to the students and how much it helps them in the future. The students are tested four times a year in the Fall and in the Spring.

Robotics Club

The Robotics Club went to the State Competition in Iowa City. Mr. Reeder and the students brought their project and demonstrated its functions and the requirements needed to compete. The students also showed a video tape recording of the competition on that day. The Board thanked Mr. Reeder, the students and Mr. Nall for taking the time to show them their project and the long hours of work to prepare for competition.

Blue Notes  
Jazz Singers

Mr. Chesher and a group of students performed to songs, “Java Jive” and “Ladder on the Roof” for the Board. The Board expressed their appreciation and commended them on their wonderful performance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

IOWA CORE  
CURRICULUM:

Nothing new at this time.

Tom Mossman:

Mr. Mossman spoke about preparing for next year and scheduling. The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation will be coming up as well as the play on March 18, 19 and 20.

Dan Fox

Mr. Fox spoke about some adjustments that are being made for the recesses at school until the playground is put in.

**FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS:**

Nothing noted.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Walthart, second by Aberle to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by McGraw, second by Walthart to come out of closed session at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

George Aberle left at 7:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Walthart, second by McGraw to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

**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 five 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.

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