

MINUTES OF THE EAST END SCHOOL BOARD

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST END SCHOOL BOARD WAS HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF JUNE 2016. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE DENNIS BALL, KEVIN BRADKE, MARGARET JOHNSON AND KENNY NAHLEN.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke, seconded by Kenny Nahlen to approve, by consent, the May 9th Regular and May 25th Special Board Minutes. The vote was 3-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke, seconded by Kenny Nahlen to keep lunch prices the same for the 2016-2017 school year. The vote was 3-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
- Mrs. Wilson's AWE Report:

The elementary is being spruced up this summer with painting and cleaning. The crews have been moving quickly and are doing a fine job. We will have our annual staff retreat at Winrock in July. Our teachers will gather to plan for the 2016-2017 school year and will earn 18 hours of professional development over this two day period. AWE's theme for the 2016-2017 school year is "Go for the Gold".
- Dr. Gist's BHS Report:
 1. Arkansas Boys and Girls State – held May 29 – June 3
 - a) Kaitlyn Akridge and Madison Smothers attended girl's state at Harding. Baylee Nahlen was selected to go but a conflict with the date made it impossible for her to attend.
 - b) Gabe Frey and Ethan Dais attended boy's state at UCA.
 2. Sr. Girls basketball just returned from their team camp in Branson. Everything seemed to go really well. Sr. Boys will be headed to Oklahoma State on Friday for their camp. Coach Wilson's Basketball camp kicks off tomorrow and he has more than 60 signed up and ready to come.

3. Jr. and Sr. High cheerleaders will be going to their cheer camps in coming weeks. They are headed to CUA and everyone seems to be fired up and ready to go.
4. Mrs. Neumeier will be headed to San Diego soon with two of our junior high students, Chloe Buie and Elise Wilson, for the national FFCLA convention. They are excited about the trip and the chance to represent the school. This trip will take place July 3rd – July 7th.
5. Just about wrapped up the 2015-2016 school year. Had a few students who needed to make up finals but those are completed. We are working to finalize the schedule and get student schedules built and sent home.
6. Maintenance staff:

Brad Akridge has hit the ground running – already painted several rooms, moved lots of furniture in preparation of maintenance at the high school – has agreed to add several things to the list that were not originally there. His crew is working hard to get rooms ready for maintenance and doing the painting. To date, the Library, Computer Labs and two classrooms have been painted and the carpet in the library, and two computer labs is being removed to prepare for replacing the flooring. If you come by soon everything looks like it's a mess, but it is all part of the master plan.

Brad is doing an awesome job.
7. Our tech team is working to get several computers ready for the upcoming year. New laptops for the teachers, Chromebooks for Coach Chandler's room, a laptop cart for the English department and new computers for the Business Lab all are being made ready for the start of school.

- A motion was made by Kenny Nahlen, seconded by Kevin Bradke to approve the petition for transfer of students presented to them. The vote was 3-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke seconded by Kenny Nahlen to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 to and including June 30, 2018 and to approve all related election documents.

Margaret Johnson arrived at 7:34 p.m.

- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke seconded by Margaret Johnson to approve the BHS handbook recommendations for the 2016-2017 school year with the exception of 4.45.1 Smart Core... (regarding the removal of foreign language as a requirement for graduation) which will be discussed at a special meeting. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
 - Kevin Bradke was concerned that by removing the foreign language requirement we would be moving backwards. He stated he would prefer to find a way to assist the

students in need instead of just removing a requirement because it's too hard for them. He said he did not want to lower the bar for Bigelow High School.

- Margaret Johnson would like to look into the possibility of integrating foreign language in the lower grades.
 - Dennis Ball asked the question will this move take our students from being good to being great. He said he felt the decision to lower the graduation requirements was lowering the bar and he is not convinced that this is what is best for the kids.
 - Kenny Nahlen said he would like to see the foreign language requirement remain for honor students but sees the reasoning behind removing it for everyone else.
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- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke seconded by Margaret Johnson to accept the Ferrelgas propane bid provided there is not a fee to switch out the tanks. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.

 - A motion was made by Kenny Nahlen, seconded by Kevin Bradke to accept the JCMC waste bid. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Harris stated that the enrollment figures for the year were very promising. The current average enrollment of about 663 students was 47 students over the average enrollment from the 2014-2015 school year. The 2016-2017 funding will be based on this year's third quarter average of 658.94 students giving the district more resources to meet budget needs. The superintendent also shared with the board information about summer projects that include removing carpet and polishing concrete at both schools, the HS kitchen floor needs, renovations on the gym, and progress on the AWE Sewer project. He explained the AWE Walking track project would get some help to dry out the north side and that Judge Baylor House had informed the district that the county would be back soon to finish the gravel install before asphalt is laid. Finally, Dr. Harris shared a working copy of the "Vision of Excellence" statement paper being prepared by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators to help school districts tell their story about education success across Arkansas.

- The Board retired to executive session at 8:40 p.m.

- The Board returned from executive session at 9:52 p.m.

PERSONNEL

- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke, seconded by Kenny Nahlen to accept the resignation of Heidi Wilson as Federal Coordinator effective July 1, 2016. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Margaret Johnson, seconded by Kevin Bradke to accept the resignation of Amy Izor. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kenny Nahlen, seconded by Margaret Johnson to accept the resignation of Jessica Moore. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke, seconded by Margaret Johnson to hire Robby Houston Benson for the transportation director position, beginning July 1, 2016. The vote was 4-0 with all being in
- A motion was made by Kevin Bradke, seconded by Kenny Nahlen to hire Blair Williams for the 4th grade position pending acceptance in to the APPEL program through ADE. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor.
- A motion was made by Margaret Johnson, seconded by Kenny Nahlen to hire Brittnee Reber and Kandi Manes as summer workers. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Johnson, seconded by Kevin Bradke to adjourn. The vote was 4-0 with all being in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

President

Secretary

Superintendent

