

Regular Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
4/24/2023

Present: Director Correll, Director Sainsbury, Director Key, Director Waller, Director Adams, Tim Payne

**1. Call to Order**

Director Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Flag Salute**

Director Adams asked all present to stand for the flag salute.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no individuals signed in to speak to the Board.

**4. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

Director Waller made a motion to add April Payroll of \$2,858,223.44 dated 4/28/23 to agenda item # 6.a.vii. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**5. Action Items**

**a. Consent Agenda**

Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**i. Approve Minutes from 3/27/2023 Meeting**

**ii. Hires**

1. Amy Tindal, 8th Grade Fastpitch Coach
2. Areli Garcia, Bilingual Para at EHS
3. Joe Knox, EHS Boys Head Wrestling Coach

**iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Nelly Perez, Speech Language Pathologist, effective 8/15/23, accepted 3/27/23

2. Debra Durham, 8 Hr Custodian at Grant, effective 8/31/23, accepted 4/10/23
3. Sarah Murff, Part-time Business Teacher at EHS, effective 6/9/23, accepted 4/10/23
4. Jordan Shaw, Special Education Para, effective 4/14/23, accepted 4/10/23
5. JoEllen Martin, Para at Grant, effective 8/31/23, accepted 4/12/23
6. Lori Driesen, 4 Hr Custodian, effective 4/20/23, accepted 4/14/23
7. Amber Hoenes, ELA Teacher at EMS, effective 8/1/23, accepted 4/17/23

- iv. **Resolution 2022-2023-05 WIAA Authorization**
- v. **Assistant Superintendent Contract**
- vi. **Second Reading Policy/Procedure**
- vii. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**

**b. Approve Change to Out of State Travel for High School Basketball Teams**

Alain Black, Girls Head Basketball Coach, is seeking approval for the high school varsity teams to travel out of state to Las Vegas, Nevada in December 2023. Last month the Board approved the travel of both teams to Phoenix, Arizona during Christmas Break. After the meeting Alain and Rick Walter, the Boys Head Coach decided that the tourney in Las Vegas would be a better choice for their teams. The travel expenses will be paid for in the same manner as the previous trip request; however, there will now be costs incurred by the District to pay for substitutes on December 19th and 20th. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve the updated out of state travel request by the high school basketball coaches. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**c. Approve Teachers Teaching Out of Endorsement**

School districts are required to support certified teachers assigned courses that the teacher does not have an endorsement to teach. The support provides assistance and planning time for the teacher. Ephrata School District provides planning time for Out-of-Endorsement teachers to collaborate with endorsed colleagues. The Professional Learning Communities (PLC) model is used to allow planning of lessons to meet the needs of students. These PLC sessions are scheduled every Monday morning for an hour to provide support for the out-of-endorsement teachers. The support plan requires approval by the school board. The April 24, 2023 School Board minutes will be uploaded into the Educator Equity Data Collection to document approval by the board of the support plan for teachers assigned to out-of-endorsement teaching assignments.

During the 2022/23 school year, the following certified teachers were assigned classes out of their endorsement area(s).

Jeff Allsopp / High School Learning Center - Mathematics (grades 9 -12)

Heidi Burns / High School Learning Center – English & Social Studies (grades 9-12)

Director Key made a motion to approve the teachers teaching out of endorsement plan. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**d. Approval to Submit a Complex Needs Grant for ECEAP**

Charlotte Throgmorton, ECEAP Director, is seeking approval to apply for the ECEAP Complex Needs Grant. The Complex Needs grant is funding made available to current ECEAP contractors to support children with developmental delays, disabilities or challenging behaviors due to complex trauma. Ephrata's ECEAP program is requesting \$77,280 to be used towards hiring additional staff for the classroom, purchase supportive and adaptive materials and equipment, and provide teacher coaching, training and professional development. Director Key made the motion to approve applying for the Complex Needs Grant, \$77,280. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**e. Approve Purchase of Playworks for Columbia Ridge and Grant Schools**

Columbia Ridge and Grant are requesting approval to purchase Playworks for their buildings. Playworks is the leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to transform children's social and emotional health. Through direct service coaching of kids and training for school staff, Playworks partners with elementary schools, districts, and after-school programs to integrate games into recess to create a welcoming place for every child on the playground. With an emphasis on social-emotional learning and skill-building, students feel included while being active and developing valuable skills needed to thrive in the classroom and beyond. Playworks is ensuring that kids experience safe and healthy play every day. Recess Reboot is four days of on-site training, consulting, and capacity building. An experienced trainer will come to the schools to demonstrate and teach strategies, games, and systems to sustain a positive culture of safe and healthy play. The activities that will be offered during recess will not be mandatory, meaning all students can still participate in playground activities that they enjoy. ESSER funds will be used to purchase this program. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve the purchase of Playworks for Columbia Ridge and Grant. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**f. Approve Renewal of Lightspeed Relay for Chromebooks**

Sarah Vasquez, Technology Director, is requesting approval to renew Lightspeed Relay for Chromebook filtering, classroom management, and Lightspeed Alert. They are the lowest price and what we have been using. Director Waller made a motion to approve the quote from Lightspeed Relay. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**g. Approve Purchase of Printer/Cutter for the EHS Business Department**

Scott Sandberg, CTE Coordinator, would like approval to change the model of printer/cutter that was approved at the March meeting. His and Sarah Vasquez's recommendation is to purchase the Roland all-in-one model from Northwest Tech for \$21,323.25. Both Scott and Sarah were able to see a demo of this printer/cutter at the recent NCCE Conference and feel this would be a better purchase for the district in the end. The purchase will be made with CTE funds. Director Correll made a motion to approve changing the printer/cutter purchase from an Epson to Roland and to purchase it from Northwest Tech. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**h. Approve Tricaster Equipment/Software by EHS Business/Multimedia Arts Department**

Ryan Shannon, Business Tech Teacher at EHS, is seeking approval to purchase new Tricaster equipment/software for the EHS Business/Multimedia Arts Department. This purpose of the purchase will be to upgrade the TriCaster equipment/software that is in the Tiger Vision Broadcast Studio. The current Tricaster has limited support because of the expired model number. The recommendation is to purchase the NewTek TriCaster TC1 Video Switcher & Flex Control Panel Kit from B&H Photo for \$26,249.93. This quote is under the OMNIA Purchasing Contract and will be made with CTE Funds. Director Waller made a motion to approve the purchase of the NewTek TriCaster TC1. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**i. Approve Parkway Teacher Computers**

The Technology Department requests approval to purchase new computers for Teachers at Parkway Intermediate. These computers are a much-needed upgrade as many of the computers currently in use at the school are 8-11 years old. The computers would be purchased using Tech funds through the NASPO Purchasing Contract. 25 computers will cost approximately \$35,235.42. Director Sainsbury made a motion to approve the purchase of new computers for teachers at Parkway Intermediate. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**j. Approve Purchase of a Welding Tensile Tester for the EHS Welding Shop**

Scott Sandberg and Sarah Vasquez would like approval to purchase a Welding Tensile Tester for the EHS Welding Shop. Their recommendation is to purchase it from OXARC in Moses Lake for \$11,294.20, out of CTE funds. Director Key made a motion to approve the recommended purchase. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**k. Approve Purchase of 13 Invertec Welders for the EHS Welding Shop**

Scott Sandberg and Sarah Vazquez would like approval to purchase 13 Invertec Welders for the EHS Welding Shop. Based on quotes received they recommend purchasing them from OXARC in Moses Lake for approximately \$43,831.05. They would like to purchase two (2) different brands so that the students can familiarize themselves with options they may see outside of high school. The purchase will be split between Miller and Lincolns. Funds used to purchase them will be out of CTE. Director Sainsbury made a motion to purchase 13 Invertec Welders. Director Waller seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### **l. Approve Out of State Travel for National FBLA Conference**

Ryan Shannon, FBLA Advisor, would like approval for out of state travel to the National FBLA Conference in Atlanta, GA, June 27-30, 2023. At the recent State competition, we had 13 students compete and 6 of those students qualified for Day 2. Zach Reyes and Samantha Moore finished 6th in Publication Design, Baylie Broesch finished 9th in Graphic and Website design, Domonic Calderon finished 8th in Business Ethics, and Noah and Mica Sandberg finished in the top 4 of Graphic Design. Placing in the top 4 is an automatic entry into the National Conference. So right now two (2) students and two (2) adults will be going to the conference. Since students can only compete in one content area at the National Conference, there is a chance that the other students who placed in the top 10 could be invited to the conference as well. The expense for the trip will be paid partially out of FBLA and ASB funds. There may be some expenses paid by the individuals as well. At the State Conference, Micah Sandberg was elected to be Vice President of the North Central Region for the next year. The Ephrata FBLA Chapter had the 2nd highest percentage of growth since last year's competition. Director Key made a motion to approve the out of state travel to the Nation FBLA Conference this June. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### **m. Approve Tech Surplus and Recycling**

Director Waller made a motion to approve the surplus and recycle items presented. Director Correll seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

### **6. Non-Action Items**

#### **a. FFA Ag Issue Presentation**

Liz Graaff, FFA Advisor, brought 4 FFA Members (Hailey Howell, Rylee Holt, Kendra Rickert, and Kenna Sainsbury) to present their FFA Ag Issue Presentation. They will be presenting this at

their upcoming State Competition. The topic was the pros and cons of going to all electric tractors.

**b. Budget Report**

Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed the March Budget Report with the Board.

**c. Legislative Update**

1. Special Education ended up with an addition of about \$365 million for the biennium statewide that includes increases to the multiplier, a raise in the cap from 13.5% to 15% more funds for Safety Net, and more dollars for inclusionary practices.
2. Transportation Safety Net continues at a level of \$26 million for the biennium with a focus on special populations.
3. Do we want to weigh in during the WSSDA open position window regarding free meals for all students who are in need or wait until the USDA decides on the free lunch program? The USDA may lower the threshold for districts to eat free from 40% qualifying to 25%. The consensus of the Board is to wait and see what the USDA does with and if need be bring it up in the General Assembly next year.

**d. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Payne did not have a Board Report this month.

**e. First Reading Policy/Procedures**

There were 24 policies and procedures for the Preschool Program presented for First Reading this month.

**7. Adjournment**

Director Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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James Adams, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board