

EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

December 18, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Centennial School Library



President David Mool called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members present: Randy Barth, Ed Faulk, Jeremy Faulk, John Hartness, David Mool, Brian Stoller, and Josh Uphoff. Administrators present: Superintendent Brian Kurz, Centennial School Principal Tim Fairchild, E.P.G.J.H.S. Principal Robby Tomlinson, E.P.G.H.S. Principal Brian Quam, and Director of Instruction Amber Buss. Administrators absent: Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve the agenda as presented. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

Visitors included: Sara VanScyoc, Jennie Kearney (*El Paso Journal*), Brad Griffin, and Cara Howard (*El Paso Journal*).

The correspondence folder was passed around.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by Brian Stoller to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2017
- Approve Financial Reports
- Approve Bills
- Approve Jennifer Page's Leave Request
- Approve Emily Jenkins, Sheila Mool, Jennifer Whitcomb, and Morgan Ferrenburg as Volunteer Helpers for Junior High Girls Volleyball for 2017-2018
- Accept Jack Icenogle's Resignation as of December 22, 2017
- Approve Surplus Items
- Approve Jennifer Evans' Leave Request

All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

Written reports were submitted earlier by the principals and Superintendent.

High School Principal Brian Quam reported that there was a great turnout for the incoming freshman meeting held, and we have had a good response for the small engine drop-off program.

At the junior high school, Mr. Tomlinson recognized the work with Maker Spaces by Mrs. Steber, and they are looking at starting a program with Math similar to Writing Titans.

Tim Fairchild updated the Board on the holiday service project they had at Centennial School with Meghan Ummel's parents in order to benefit the children at St. Jude's.

Director of Instruction Amber Buss said the Title Grants have been approved.

Superintendent Brian Kurz told the Board we had IDOT drop by for an unannounced inspection of our fleet. Carrie Woggon had everything in good shape.

Jeremy Faulk, Ed Faulk, Brian Kurz, and various teachers met with our insurance provider.

The EPG HS Course/Curriculum revisions for Science include a dual credit Forensics class and joining plant/animal science class together.

The IMRF Early Retirement Incentive gives employees an option to apply for five years which the Board would then match. There are ten employees who qualify.

There were no additional questions or concerns on the tax levy.

There were no additional questions or concerns on the administrative costs waiver.

There were no additional questions or concerns on the non-resident employee tuition waiver.

Our Workman's Compensation Insurance is up for renewal and our premium is lower than last year. Bushue helps us through this process.

A motion was made by Ed Faulk and seconded by Josh Uphoff to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, or student disciplinary cases, or discussions regarding self-evaluation as a Board. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by David Mool to adjourn from Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Jeremy Faulk and seconded by John Hartness to approve the EPG HS Course/Curriculum Revisions for Science. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Josh Uphoff and seconded by Randy Barth to approve the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve the Tax Levy. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by David Mool to approve the Administrative Costs Waiver. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Josh Uphoff to approve the Non-Resident Employee Tuition Waiver. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Josh Uphoff to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Josh Uphoff and seconded by Randy Barth to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education