

EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 24, 2017 6:00 p.m.

El Paso Gridley Junior High School Library



President Dave Mool called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board members present: Randy Barth, Jeremy Faulk, David Mool, Brian Stoller, and Josh Uphoff. Ed Faulk and John Hartness were available via teleconference. Administrators present: Superintendent Brian Kurz. Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg, Centennial School Principal Tim Fairchild, E.P.G.J.H.S. Principal Robby Tomlinson, and E.P.G.H.S. Principal Brian Quam. Bookkeeper Susan Stella and Building Facilities Manager J.T. Carr were absent.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by Josh Uphoff to approve the agenda as presented. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

Visitors included Sara VanScyoc, Card Howard (*El Paso Journal*), Jennie Kearney (*El Paso Journal*), and Representative Tom Bennett.

Representative Tom Bennett came and gave an update on legislation. He mentioned Senate Bill 1 which would allocate \$500,000,000 for K-12 Schools, \$215,000,000 for Pension, \$250,000,000 for Block Grants, and \$20,000,000 for Hold Harmless. Cullerton is holding the bill back from Governor Rauner until the last minute hoping it will get signed.

A thank-you card was read.

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

- Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2017
- Approve Closed Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2017
- Approve Financial Report
- Approve Bills
- Approve Hiring Lauren McAnally as a Math Teacher for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Mattie Wallace as a High School Spanish Teacher for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Jared Souhrada as an “As Warranted” Assistant Junior High Boys Baseball Coach for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Elizabeth Graeber as an “As Warranted” Assistant Junior High Girls Softball Coach for 2017-2018i.
- Approve Derek Stoller and Dustin Stoller as Volunteers for Junior High Boys Baseball for 2017-2018
- Approve J.T. Carr and John Dent as Volunteers for Junior High Girls Softball for 2017-2018
- Approve Austin Hendren as a Volunteer Assistant for Junior High Boys Baseball for 2017-2018

- Approve Inga Grube and Dave Allen as Volunteers for Junior High Cross County for 2017-2018
- Approve Don Young as a Volunteer for High School Golf for 2017-2018
- Approve Jaclyn Heller, Stephanie Hiles, Emily Jenkins, Justin Kissinger, and Mattie Wallace as Volunteers for High School Volleyball for 2017-2018
- Approve Karen Mool as a Volunteer Coach for High School Football Cheerleading for 2017-2018
- Approve Jeannie SantAmour as a Volunteer Coach for High School Cross Country for 2017-2018
- Approve Hayden Clements, Dan Gould, John Meinhold, Tristun Reeves, Hunter SantAmour, Andy VanScyoc, Merlin Haas, and Robert Roberts as Volunteers for High School Football for 2017-2018
- Approve Surplus Items
- Approve Title I Schoolwide Plan for 2017-2018
- Approve Student Handbooks for 2017-2018
- Approve Keeping Closed Session Minutes Dated January 23, 2017 thru June 26, 2017 Closed
- Approve Destroying Closed Session Audio Tapes Dated July 27, 2015 thru December 14, 20015 per Policy 2:220
- Approve High School Show Choir Camp on August 19th and 20th
- Approve Hi Fidelity Show Choir Lock-In on August 4th and 5th
- Approve 2017-2018 School District Risk Management Plan
- Approve Agreement With Forecast 5 for 2017-2018
- Approve Karen Dudek-Brannan as .5 FTE Speech Language Pathologist for 2017-2018
- Approve Sara Holderby as .8 FTE Speech Language Pathologist for 2017-2018
- Approve Tammy Anderson as 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Alexandra Jordal as the Junior High School Social Studies Teacher for 2017-2018

All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

Brian Quam reported that he is working on new teacher orientation and that they are starting to show up and getting into their rooms. El Paso Gridley High School is 100% ready for fall.

El Paso Gridley Junior High School Principal Robby Tomlinson has had to hire two new teachers in the last couple of weeks and work at his building is close to being finished.

Tim Fairchild said Centennial School is ready, positions are all filled, transitions have gone well, and Junior High Softball started today.

Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg did not have to hire anybody this summer so she has the same staff. Teachers are coming in and emailing. They are ready to go.

Superintendent Brian Kurz reported we received full recognition from the State for 2016-2017. He had a very good administrative team meeting and is very optimistic about the upcoming school year regarding special education needs and staffing.

The Nursing Contract for 2017-2018 was discussed. We are staying with only 1.0 FTE nurse for now but if feasible long term, 2.0 FTE would be beneficial.

We are looking at possibly purchasing a new scrubber for the high school and move the old one to Jefferson Park School. We need to get a couple of bids to compare.

We may need to discuss replacing the high school driveway and repair the sidewalks. This is just some forecasting for possible work that will need to be done, and get an idea of what that cost looks like. We could possibly use TORT Funds.

There are less than 30 days between the August and September Board meetings so we may want to move the August meeting up one week from the 28th to the 21st.

A motion was made by Josh Uphoff and seconded by Brian Stoller to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:49 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. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Josh Uphoff to adjourn from Closed Session at 8:46 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Ed Faulk and seconded by Josh Uphoff to approve the Nursing Contract for 2017-2018. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Josh Uphoff and seconded by David Mool to approve the bid to purchase a floor scrubber for the high school after three quotes are secured. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve hiring Amber Buss as the Director of Instruction for 2017-2018. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Jeremy Faulk and seconded by Brian Stoller to approve moving the August 28th meeting to August 21st. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by Randy Barth to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education