

EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

November 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Centennial School Library



President Dave 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, and Brian Stoller. Board member absent: Josh Uphoff. 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. Administrator absent: Director of Instruction Amber Buss.

Superintendent Brian Kurz said there are two items he would like to add to the consent agenda. He would like to add hiring Sheila Pinkham to work three days a week and Ashley Brown to work two days a week as a high school teacher's aide. The Board concurred.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by John Hartness to approve the amended agenda as presented with the two additions. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

The correspondence folder was passed around.

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

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve the amended consent agenda as presented with the two additions.

- Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on October 23, 2017
- Approve Closed Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on October 23, 2017
- Approve Financial Reports
- Approve Bills
- Accept Cheryl Penn's Resignation
- Accept Rich Martin's Resignation of 50% of Junior High School Scholastic Bowl Coach for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Alexandra Jordal to do 50 % of Junior High Scholastic Bowl Coach for 2017-2018
- Approve Upgrading Jordan Kessinger from Volunteer to "As Warranted" Freshman Boys Basketball Coach for 2017-2018
- Approve Upgrading John Meinhold Jr. from "As Warranted" to Assistant Coach for High School Wrestling for 2017-2018
- Approve Hiring Sheila Pinkham to Work Three Days a Week as a High School Teacher's Aide
- Approve Hiring Ashley Brown to Work Two Days a Week as a High School Teacher's Aide

All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

Written reports were submitted earlier by the principals and Superintendent.

Mrs. Therien started a junior high school speech team this year and Mr. Tomlinson said they have done very well at their competition. He hopes this program will continue to grow.

Kelly Throneburg thanked the Board for the opportunity to go to the conference in Chicago.

Board members reported on sessions they attended at the Conference in Chicago:

Long Term Planning – John Hartness

Middle School Athletics and Expectations – Jeremy Faulk

PTELL – Randy Barth

Legislative Breakfast – All Attendees

County Wide Sales Tax – Dave Mool

The Board discussed the second reading of Policy 4:45 and changing the wording of it regarding overdraft payments and people who owe the district money.

Updating names in five policies was reviewed.

EPG HS Course/Curriculum Revisions were discussed. Mr. Quam said he needs to make some changes/additions for Science so he would like to wait and bring that one back in December for approval. The revisions for Social Science are mostly compliance issues and are ready to approve.

The Board discussed the High School Academic Recognition Program that moves away from Valedictorians/Salutatorians to Magna Cum Laude/Summa Cum Laude.

Camera/security bids were reviewed. Justin Kissinger and Brian Kurz are recommending the bid from Avigilon Tech Electronics. The total project should come in under the budgeted amount.

Fuel bids were discussed. Yoder Oil is low bid on unleaded gas and Evergreen FS is low bid for diesel. Mr. Kurz is recommending we go with Evergreen FS.

Mr. Kurz updated the Board on the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive program. Once approved, we would like to bring in the noncertified employees eligible to have a meeting to learn if they would like to participate. They have would have one year to decide.

The tentative tax levy was reviewed. With an estimate of 2.3% increase in EAV and new construction, the total would equal a 3.5% increase overall. Mr. Kurz recommends we keep the tax rates the same and cover ourselves for a 1% increase or decrease.

We need to schedule a Truth in Taxation Hearing for next month.

An Administrative Costs Waiver and Hearing will also need to be scheduled.

We need to schedule a Non-Resident Employee Tuition Waiver and Hearing soon.

There was no Closed Session.

A motion was made by Jeremy Faulk and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 4:45. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Ed Faulk and seconded by Dave Mool to approve updating names in five policies. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Brian Stoller to approve the EPG HS Course/Curriculum Revisions for Social Studies only. The Science one will be amended and acted on next month. All yeas. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by John Hartness to approve the High School Academic Recognition Proposal. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Ed Faulk and seconded by Dave Mool to approve the camera/security purchase from Avigilon Tech Electronics. Yeas: Randy Barth, Ed Faulk, Jeremy Faulk, John Hartness, Dave Mool, and Brian Stoller. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by Brian Stoller to approve the fuel bid for 2017-2018 from Evergreen F.S. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Jeremy Faulk and seconded by Dave Mool to approve holding a Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Centennial Library. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Ed Faulk and seconded by Randy Barth to approve holding an Administrative Costs Waiver Hearing on December 18, 2017 at 6:20 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by Ed Faulk to approve holding a Non-Resident Employee Tuition Waiver Hearing for December 18, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Ed Faulk to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education