

**EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**



December 16, 2013

Centennial Library

President Eric Zehr called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members present: Jeremy Faulk, John Hartness, Rich Kiefer, David Mool, Brian Stoller, Josh Uphoff, and Eric Zehr. Administrators present: Superintendent Michael Lindy, Centennial Principal Tim Fairchild, E.P.G.H.S. Principal Karen Krug, Curriculum Director Dr. Nicole Rummel, and Bookkeeper Susan Stella. Administrators absent: J.P./G.G.S. Principal Kelly Throneburg, E.P.G.J.H.S. Principal Robby Tomlinson, and Building Facilities Manager J.T. Carr.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Brian Stoller to approve the agenda as presented. All yeas. The motion carried.

Visitors included Curt Gramm (*Photography by Curt*), Jean Underwood (*BLDD Architects*), Sam Johnson (*BLDD Architects*), Steph Matzke, Denny Foor, Kim Kearney (*El Paso Journal*), Jerry Smith, Bob Wettstein, Kevin Wills (*First Midstate*), and Rhonda Zielsdorf.

Curt Gramm, Photography by Curt, presented checks to the principals in appreciation for their business.

There was no other correspondence.

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

- Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on November 25, 2013
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting held on November 25, 2013
- Approval of Financial Reports
- Approval of Bills
- Approve Ranee Witzig as a Volunteer Helper for Junior High Girls Volleyball for 2013-2014
- Approve Mattie Fairchild as a Volunteer Helper for Junior High Girls Volleyball for 2013-2014
- Approve Amy Yoss as a Volunteer Helper for Junior High Girls Volleyball for 2013-2014
- Approve Daniel Hartwig as a Volunteer Helper for Junior High Boys Wrestling for 2013-2014
- Approve Sherrie Kuntz as a Volunteer for High School Scholastic Bowl Coach for 2013-2014
- Accept George Boyd's Resignation as a Bus Driver Effective December 16, 2013
- Approve Foundation Requests
- Approve ISBE Maintenance Grant

All yeas. The motion carried.

Facilitation Committee Members Denny Foor and Steph Matzke gave a power point presentation about their meetings and the three goals of their Committee. Maintaining a level tax rate was a concern and the majority favored Scenario A.

Written reports were submitted earlier by the principals and Superintendent.

Dr. Nicole Rummel, Director of Instruction, continues to meet with the different departments.

Superintendent Michael Lindy gave an update on pension reform.

Kevin Wills, First Midstate, explained the building bond process.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by David Mool to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss 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 Rich Kiefer to adjourn from Closed Session at 9:42 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Eric Zehr and seconded by John Hartness to approve the Tax Levy for 2013. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by David Mool and seconded by Rich Kiefer to approve the PRESS Policies #81, #82, and others. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Eric Zehr and seconded by Jeremy Faulk to approve the Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for McLean County to certify to the County Clerk the question of imposing a school facility sales tax for submission to the electors of the County at the general primary election to be held on the March 18, 2014 on the ballot. Yeas: Faulk, Hartness, Kiefer, Mool, Stoller, and Zehr. Nays: Uphoff. The motion carried six to one.

A motion was made by Eric Zehr and seconded by Rich Kiefer to approve the Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 11, Woodford, McLean and Livingston Counties, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by David Mool and seconded by John Hartness to approve restoring bus driver compensation back to how it was done last year. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by John Hartness to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education