

# EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11

## REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 22, 2018

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, Jeremy Faulk, John Hartness, David Mool, Brian Stoller, and Josh Uphoff. Board member absent: Ed Faulk. Administrators present: Superintendent Brian Kurz, Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg, E.P.G.J.H.S. Principal Robby Tomlinson, E.P.G.H.S. Principal Brian Quam, and Director of Instruction Amber Buss. Administrator absent: Centennial School Principal Tim Fairchild.

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

Visitors included Nathan Ehrhardt, Brad Griffin, and Cara Howard (*El Paso Journal*).

A thank-you card was passed around.

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

- Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2017
- Approve Minutes from Public Hearing held at 6:00 p.m. on December 18, 2017
- Approve Minutes from Public Hearing held at 6:20 p.m. on December 18, 2017
- Approve Minutes from Public Hearing held at 6:40 p.m. on December 18, 2017
- Approve Closed Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2017
- Approve Financial Reports
- Approve Bills
- Approve Keeping Closed Session Minutes dated 07-24-17 thru 12-18-17 Closed
- Approve Destroying Closed Session Audio Tapes Dated 01-25-16 thru 06-27-16 per Policy 2:220
- Approve Gene Hostetler's Retirement as of February 28, 2018

The motion carried six to zero.

Written reports were submitted earlier by the principals, Director of Instruction, and Superintendent.

High School Principal Brian Quam reported that the McLean County Basketball Tournament went well and he received a lot of compliments from other schools.

Robby Tomlinson mentioned that the junior high school Christmas Breakfast was enjoyed by about 420 people. Fun Day was also very successful.

Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg thanked Amber Buss for helping the Preschool teachers do the grant. It was a sad day at Jefferson Park with the loss of Vicky Jackson.

Director of Instruction Amber Buss reported that the Preschool Grant has been submitted and the funding requested is similar to previous years. We have an opportunity to purchase a couple of new Chromebook carts. Alex DePauw has done a nice job working with teachers and Google Classroom.

Brian Kurz reminded the Board about the Retreat to be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the El Paso Public Library.

Superintendent Kurz told the Board that we will need to look at seeking bids for our school lunch program since our contract with Arbor expires June 30<sup>th</sup>.

E-Rate was discussed. Mr. Kurz explained to the Board that we get reimbursed certain costs for technology and now they will reimburse for the Wi-Fi component. This year it is @ 70% for EPG. Mr. Kurz would like to know if there is interest in putting this out for bid.

A motion was made by Josh Uphoff and seconded by John Hartness to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:28 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 six to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Josh Uphoff to adjourn from Closed Session at 9:55 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

There were no action items.

A motion was made by Randy Barth and seconded by John Hartness to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried six to zero.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education