

# **EL PASO GRIDLEY CUSD #11**

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

February 26, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Centennial School Library



President Dave Mool called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02 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, Jefferson Park School Principal Kelly Throneburg, 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.

Brian Kurz said he would like to add one more item to the consent agenda which is to hire Roger Clemons as a bus driver. The Board concurred.

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

Visitors included Brian Kearney (*El Paso Journal*), Sara VanScyoc, Nicole Glacinski, and Cara Howard (*El Paso Journal*).

Several thank-you cards were read.

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

- Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on January 22, 2018
- Approve Closed Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held on January 22, 2018
- Approve Financial Reports
- Approve Bills
- Approve Hiring Joe Adams as a Custodian at Jefferson Park School
- Approve Hiring Amy Lohr as a Custodian at El Paso Gridley Junior High School
- Approve Jeannie SantAmour as a Volunteer for Junior High Track for 2017-2018
- Approve Gustav Johnson as a Volunteer for Junior High Track for 2017-2018
- Approve Jim Bagnell, Mel Grace, and Taylor Umland as Volunteers for High School Bass Fishing for 2017-2018
- Approve Tanner Benedict, Ken Colmone, and Jared Souhrada as Volunteers for High School Baseball for 2017-2018
- Approve Katelyn Cook, Elizabeth Graber, and Denny Ortinau as Volunteers for High School Softball for 2017-2018
- Approve Alex DePauw and Dennis Ludwig as Volunteers for High School Track for 2017-2018
- Accept Katie Nelson's Resignation Effective March 2, 2018
- Approve JoEllen Skolek's Early Retirement through IMRF as of the End of the 2017-2018 School Year
- Approve Hiring Roger Clemons as a Bus Driver

All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

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

Brian Quam mentioned that BroMenn will be doing the Heart Screenings for high school students on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Robby Tomlinson said PARCC Testing at the junior high will be starting in one week.

Students at Centennial have had a lot of fun with the Study Island Challenge per Tim Fairchild.

Kelly Throneburg said she had 70 register for Kindergarten for fall. Second graders will begin to write "My Story".

Amber Buss informed the Board that benchmarking was wrapped in January and overall we have great scores compared to national norms. PARCC Testing will be starting and "everything looks ready to go"!

Superintendent Brian Kurz discussed paid lunch equity and said we will need to make some changes at some point in the near future.

Mr. Kurz reminded the Board about the IASB Corn Belt Division Dinner Meeting on March 6, 2018.

Brian Kurz said he has had many community members stop by the office and question the 1% County School Sales Tax. Overall they have been positive conversations.

The Board discussed food bids (*milk, bread, etc.*) for 2018-2019.

Mr. Kurz told the Board that we have been happy with the current mowing service. The Schlipf's have done an excellent job for us.

The draft school calendar for 2018-2019 was reviewed. Action will be taken next month.

A Board Goal Setting Meeting will be set before the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The photography contract was reviewed. We need to decide what our plans are going forward. Do we put out bids or stay with our current provider? Ed Faulk would like to know what other district are doing with their photography.

A motion was made by Jeremy Faulk and seconded by Ed Faulk to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:56 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 Ed Faulk and seconded by John Hartness to adjourn from Closed Session at 10:05 p.m. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

A motion was made by John Hartness and seconded by Randy Barth to approve seeking food bids. All yeas. The motion carried seven to zero.

No action was taken on the mowing bids.

A motion was made by Brian Stoller and seconded by John Hartness to adjourn the meeting At 10:06 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