

Eddyville Charter School

Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting

April 5, 2012

Board Members in Attendance: Dick Krog, Larry Cook, Dana Scarborough, Kristie Demaris, Paul Schneidecker, Christie Turner, Spring Howard, Jenny Demaris

Absent Board Members: Shyla Luckini, Kevin McBride, Patty Kinion

Administration Present: Pete Tuana, Ann Cook, Lisa Renfrow

Meeting called to order: Jenny Demaris 6:31 p.m.

Interested Parties:

Michael Smith-World Rhythm festival: Michael Smith requested permission for drumming students (ages 9-17) and their families to travel to Seattle to participate in the World Rhythm Festival. The drummers have been invited to perform three times and take part in a workshop. All the funds for this trip are raised through a silent auction, dinner, and donations. Approximately \$1500 was left over from last year, leaving about \$2000 needed to be raised. Like last year, families are encouraged to attend. Dick Krog inquired about insurance liabilities. Michael Smith explained parents provide proof of automotive insurance. Dana Scarborough made a motion to grant permission for the requested field trip, the motion was seconded by Dick Krog, all members were in agreement. Larry Cook was pleased to see how many parents and family members were participating in this annual event.

Written Communication and Acknowledgments:

A building use application was presented for approval for the SET youth baseball registration as well as a second application from the SET organization to use the baseball field. Dick Krog inquired about possible conflicts with other practices. It was determined there were no conflicts. Dick Krog made a motion to approve and Dana Scarborough seconded the motion. All Board members were in agreement.

Reading of the minutes:

Larry Cook made a motion to approve the Board minutes as written, Dick Krog seconded the motion, and all members present agreed.

Financial Report:

Larry Cook reviewed the financial report and made motion to accept the report as submitted. (Check numbers 14861-14978 for a total of \$96,440.10) Mrs. Cook explained how the final ADMW payments would be made during the months of April and May and then in June the

Charter would settle up with the District as done in the past. Pete Tuana shared that he and Ann Cook were starting to work on the budget. They are looking very closely at funding and will continue to be cautious. Mr. Tuana explained he and Ann felt encouraged by the positive forecasts. Dick Krog seconded the motion and the Board voted in agreement.

Student Enrollment Report:

Current student enrollment 213. We have lost a few students to transfers within District and students relocating, however our numbers are staying within the full reimbursement range of 200 set by LCSD. Mr. Tuana explained we would have an Open House during Spring Fling and offer information for parents interested in learning more about enrolling their children. Mr. Tuana feels confident we will start the 2012/13 school year with an enrollment of 220 students.

Administrative Report:

Pete Tuana shared with the Board that middle school core and drumming teacher, Michael Smith, has submitted his resignation. Pete Tuana recognized Michael Smith's dedication and the mini culture he has created with his drumming program. This is a valued program that we wish to continue at Eddyville Charter. Michael Smith will be missed. Larry Cook made a motion to accept Michael Smith's resignation, Dick Krog made a motion to accept, and all members were in agreement.

Selection of the Superintendent:

Mr. Tuana explained that the initial process was to have the Board interview candidates, follow up with site visits and then come back to share their findings with the Board. Mr. Tuana asked for the permission of the Board to change the process, by having potential candidates come in first to meet students and staff and then be interviewed by the Board if they were found to be a good fit for our school. He also requested to keep the posting open. Mr. Tuana said he is confident we will find someone. We need to be patient and optimistic. He also added that Lincoln County School District has agreed to allow him to screen applicants applying for administrative positions in the county. LCSD has been great to work with.

Facilities Overview:

Information was presented to the Board outlining the facility needs as noted after a walk through by Landon Lightle, Paul Schneidecker, and Pete Tuana. Paul Schneidecker shared he felt it would be beneficial for the Board to do a walk through to see firsthand the concerns. Mr. Tuana read the list and stated that there was no particular order and that it was not prioritized: The waste system needs few fixes and the septic systems look descent- \$750.00 for waste corrections. There are some loose water pipes- with a cost of approximately \$650.00 to anchor. Bids and a proposal for well maintenance have been submitted. Repairs to rebuild and repair flush valves and install some new toilets and faucets. Mr. Tuana described to the Board some drainage issues needing attention- the playground remains soggy even though chips have been brought in. Landon feels a consultant or professional is needed to inform what measures need to be taken. We have some structural repairs to floors that need to be addressed. The bids for gutter repair are interesting and vary. Much of the roof has been recently repaired leaving the gym as the biggest concern. Alamo has submitted a bid of \$50,000. The roof should last another 10 years if repairs are kept up. There are siding and dry rot issues with mushrooms growing on the siding. Energy issues-currently our heating is all electric. We are looking at the use of heat pumps and available

funds through matching grants. Many of our windows are single pane and create a great deal of heating loss. Landon is working with local energy companies to evaluate and look at cost saving measures. Good insulation and new windows could save us 50% on our heating costs. Pete informed the Board that we may see two new computer labs depending on budgets and we may need to look at some feeds to support the new labs, technology- Pete would like to see the entire building wireless about \$10,000. Ann Cook mentioned community center is wireless and could we move equipment to our building. Wireless mobile labs? Many schools are moving to I Pads, this is something to think about. Our lighting is fairly efficient. The building is lacking proper insulation and proper venting is an issue. Storage-Mr. Tuana asked the Board to think about the MP room and pointed out the benefits of having the MP room and gym without tables, wrestling mats, and other items currently stored there. Other issues included pest management and closing up spaces, a storage shed for green house and a 5000 water tank, shed using BLM money built closer to green house area more accessible and secure. Our Fire and Security system has been upgraded recently. Pete is looking for feedback and comments. Dana Scarborough appreciated the effort put into the report. He also wanted to know if the committee could sit down and prioritize needs and then approach LCSD for the possibility of more funds. Pete felt LCSD has been very generous. Ann Cook is currently working with the Oregon Department of Energy and the Cool Schools project to create more efficient energy-working facility with the use low cost financing. Mr. Tuana shared with the Board that Rich Belloni and Tim Kaufman have been excellent resources: always helpful and supportive. Mr. Tuana invited the Board to come half an hour early for the next Board meeting to perform a facility walk through.

Jenny Demaris offered suggestions to the Board about possible funding through FEMA or Earth Quake Mitigation to help with costs relating to runoff and drainage improvements, creating safe pathways and exits, and other safety issues. Jenny Demaris will look for more information and make it available to the Board. Jenny Demaris pointed out that there may be funding available through the Historical Preservation Society to help with costs of building and facility needs. Ann Cook added that the original Eddyville School building was built in 1927. Mr. Tuana said he would look further at funding opportunities with the historical Preservation Society and thanked members for the great discussion and input.

Water

Revised calendar:

Mr. Tuana pointed out the seven days were added to the calendar, extending the school year to June 20 for students and June 22 for teachers. These days are not extra days for staff, but days already in the agreement. New calendars will be to sent out to parents and updates will be made on the website.

Budget:

Mr. Tuana explained that he would like to re-examine school staffing based on funding available. We will be looking for a teacher who can teach strong academic skills as well as electives like shop or drama. Mr. Tuana would like to see technology improvements as a priority. Contracted cleaning services will also be looked at to save money. Mr. Tuana stated that we have had great success with services used during the summer and winter break and feels it would be to our advantage to use outside services.

Committee Reports:

Old Business:

Pete Tuana reported that the students attending college classes at OCCC with Sandi LaRoche were very successful with students earning grades two C's, two B's, and the rest A's.

Mr. Tuana asked Board member, Christy Turner to share news of her daughter, Bradi McGuire, being awarded the Pioneer Telephone Washington DC trip.

Dick Krog asked if there was a plan for the community center and what should be done with it. Ann Cook explained that if we were not planning to use it, it would revert back to the East Lincoln Quick Response Team, but we might want to look at the possibility of accessing funds through the Historical Society Preservation described earlier by Jenny Demaris. During a good discussion, it was also suggested that the Angel Job Corp and the Lincoln County In-Mate Work program may also be able to offer help(during non school hours) with work needing completed. Jenny Demaris offered to send contact information and Pete Tuana offered to do more research.

New Business:

Next Meeting Scheduled: Thursday, April 19, 2012

Adjournment: Time: Dick Krog made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kristie Demaris made a motion to second, and all members were in agreement.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.