

Eddyville Charter School

Board of Directors

August 16, 2012

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Cook, Kevin McBride, Spring Howard, Jenny Demaris, Patty Kinion, Dana Scarborough and Shyla Luckini

Absent Board Members: Paul Schneidecker and Christy Turner

Administration Present: Dennis Schultz, Ann Cook and Lisa Renfrow

Meeting called to order: Kevin McBride called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Interested Parties:

No Interested Parties

Written Communication and Acknowledgments: No written communication

Reading of the Minutes:

Larry Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Patty Kinion seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Financial Report:

A motion by Larry Cook was made to accept the financial report (check #'s 15096-15170 with a total of \$86,366.46) as presented. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted to approve. Ann Cook also explained to the Board the request to adopt the 2012-2013 spending plan as a result of a change in the ADMw estimate.

Student Enrollment Report:

A projected enrollment of 215 students is expected for the 2012-13 school year. Currently we are expecting eighteen (18) of our students to withdraw and about twenty (20) new students, on the current wait list, to enroll. This projection is conservative estimate.

Administrative Report:

Superintendent, Dennis Schultz, read to the Board a portion of the Anicker v. Eddyville settlement agreement and explained the process leading to a resolution payment of \$110,000. Patty Kinion inquired what the Charter School did wrong to warrant this payment. Dennis Schultz explained that nothing was done wrong and that Eddyville Charter did indeed have policies in place and procedures were followed correctly. An

official signed agreement will be returned to the school to be placed on file. Jenny Demaris wanted to know how this would impact our insurance premium rates.

Dennis Schultz also explained that Pace offers a Bullying training that will be presented to staff as well as follow-up educational activities for our student body.

The Eddyville Charter School Annual Report has been submitted to Joe Novello and will be presented at the LCSD Board Meeting. Mr. Schultz will prepare a presentation and Jenny Demaris volunteered to represent Eddyville Charter as a member of the Board.

Mr. Schultz presented a brief overview of licensure requirements for teachers in charter schools and explained he was working closely with the LSCD and TSCP to make certain we are following an ethical and legal path to bring our school into compliance with all staff correctly licensed. Staff teaching content area material must have “Highly Qualified” licensure. Sean Bedell will have a self contained sixth grade classroom while he pursues “Highly Qualified” licensure enabling him to teach core content area material to multiple grade levels, Kelsi Halverson will also complete an endorsement for Spanish. Staff needing to add endorsements will be supported by the Charter School.

Mr. Schultz made a suggestion to the Board that the Charter School consider the online program, Insight, in place of Plato. Insight uses actual instructors who meet the highly qualified requirements and offer students an opportunity to interact and receive valuable feedback. Cost per credit is \$200.00 during the school year and \$95.00 per credit during the summer. The cost is comparable to Plato and offers a larger variety of classes.

Board member, Patty Kinion was concerned about students taking a number of their classes on line rather than from ECS staff. Spring Howard explained her daughter was using the program to challenge herself and take classes at a higher level. Kevin McBride shared how his children used Plato to enhance their schedule with classes of interest. Jenny Demaris made a motion to accept the new educational opportunity with Insight of Oregon. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

New Staff: Matt Bilder and Michael Ulstad were hired to complete the elementary teaching staff. After looking at class sizes it was decided to have a three/four grade and a four/five grade split. Both Michael and Matt are new teachers and will take advantage of the mentorship program, which Dennis is very familiar with. Caroline Alexander was hired by LCSD to fill the Resource Room/ HLS position left open after Eric Ferry retired. Greg Fross will not be returning to teach Art, but expressed a willingness to come and help out with art projects. The vacant position is posted. Lisa Otis has been hired part time to work with volunteers, coordinate the Artist in Residence program, supervise lunch, and assist with Boost groups.

Facilities Update:

Page 14 and 15 from packet was referenced

An overview of facility projects was prepared by Landon Lightle and presented by Dennis Schultz. Compliments to the High School students: Coleman Swenson, Leland Loomis, Doug James, and Gage Pursifull who worked throughout the summer to complete a variety of projects in and around the school. Improvements and upgrades were made to the alarm system, yearly fire extinguisher inspection completed, new water tank was installed for the BLM water project, installation of countertops was installed in the library reading room, various plumbing repairs, gym floor resurfaced, and basement reorganization started. Other projects included ground maintenance and improvement. Mr. Schultz asked the Board to take a look at the entrance and notice the difference.

Projects in the future include a storage area off the multi-purpose room, gutters, and upgrades to our water system.

Facilities Manager, Landon Lightle will put together a list of projects that need to be completed, supplies and equipment needed, and an estimated time to complete the project. The list will be posted for volunteers interested in helping.

Committee Reports:

Old Business:

Kevin McBride inquired if the Board was interested in having a barbeque to welcome new staff before or shortly after the school year starts. Ann Cook offered to have the event at her house and suggested both staff and their spouses be invited. Possible dates will be looked at to see if this can happen.

Spending Plan-Resolution #001-12-13 (page 17 from packet): A request from Ann Cook was presented to adopt a spending plan for 2012-13 based on receiving \$5,998 SSF from LCSD. A motion was made by Larry to accept the proposal and Spring Howard seconded the motion. All members voted to approve.

Employee Contracts: Kevin McBride inquired about the difference for Classified and Certified contracts. Jenny Demaris would like to see a pay scale connected to a job position. Ann Cook explained how the salary scale is set up and offered to add the job title, pay scale and step to employee contracts. Jenny Demaris would like to see the salary scale attached to the contract.

Dana Scarborough made a motion to approve the contracts as submitted, Shyla Luckini seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement to approve.

The Board calendar was presented for approval. Jenny Demaris made a motion to approve, Spring Howard seconded the motion. All members voted to approve.

A Board roster was distributed for updates and corrections and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Dennis Schultz inquired if Board members were interested in being set up with District e-mail.

Officer Elections:

Kevin McBride was elected Board Chair and Jenny Demaris to Vice-Chair.

New Business:

A request was made by Jenny Demaris for a water quality report to be prepared for the next meeting.

Patty Kinion inquired about ECS fielding a football team for the current year. At this time we do not have enough students interested in participating, but Adam Kriz may have Cross Country or other sports activity club. New hire, Michael Ulstad has expressed interest in coaching Boy's Basketball.

Kevin McBride was curious about the process of how coaches are hired and contracts renewed. Dennis Schultz will have a discussion with Athletic Director, Adam Kriz and determine how we would like to evaluate coaches and how they will be hired and maintained. Kevin McBride made a request to have an evaluation process in place involving self, team, administration, and parents.

A motion was made by Larry Cook to adjourn the meeting. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Meeting adjourned

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