

**Eddyville Charter School
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2016

Board Members in Attendance:

Lisa Rorie, Larry Cook, Patty Kinion, Kevin Bales, Sean Bedell, Maygen Blessman

Absent: (resignations to be approved in consent agenda)

Pete Tuana, Dana Scarborough, Jenny DeMaris

Administration in Attendance:

Jennifer Johnson, Missy Endicott, Ann Cook

1. Meeting Called to Order by Patty at 6:32pm

2. Agenda Adjustments:

Remove 6: Presentation of Proficiency Grading/Pinnacle- Sarah Croy

Addition 9: Between C and D: Resignation of Board Member Jenny Demaris

Addition F: Approval of 3 months Insurance for Business Manager Ann Cook

3. Motion to approve the Agenda: Lisa made Motion; Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Kevin made motion; Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Patron and/or employee comment not on agenda: None

6. Communications: Michele Kalcich

She was reminded by Patty that she would have 5 minutes to speak and that if this was a complaint that the process is to start with the Principal. Once you have spoken with the Principal then if you can't come to an agreement with her then she could come back to the board. But they would still love to hear what she has to say.

Michele's concerns were that general safety of students to lead based paint, and how Middle School kids had been sanding on the walls. The abatement process had not been followed, and why had parents not been notified of any of this as with the water.

She said that she has had nothing but positive interactions with our elementary classes but is concerned about how we are running our Middle School- with staff shortages being filled with online classes. She is concerned that 7/8 are being blended next year and if this is what is best for the kids. She had concerns with us not filling our Custodial position. She wanted to know what was the direction of the school?

Jennifer spoke to say that teachers will not be teaching just core classes; they will be teaching classes that they are certified in and have interests in. Of course online classes will continue to exist as we are a small school and that is often a way to fill gaps. As a school, we want to grow in Science, Math and Technology while trying to maintain shop, Ag and horticulture classes. As for the lead in the paint issue, she will get all the information out to parents when she has all of the information. There is a company coming in to test for lead next Tuesday. Jennifer told her that if she would like to call and make an appointment to meet with her she would be happy to sit down with her.

Patty said Most of the time we do not know what classes will look like until August when we know more of what our numbers will look like for the school year. Blending of classes comes from Administration and that they support our administration. With the numbers next year it is appropriate to blend 7/8. She told Michele that is all assumptions and that she hears her words and concerns.

7. Old Business:

Facilities committee update: Patty gave an update that we would be doing some elbow grease work around the facility this summer. Grounds maintenance such as sweeping and mowing and just beautifying of the building inside and out. She will get a schedule to Missy and have it posted on the web page and Facebook page.

8. New Business:

1st reading of new policies:

Policy JG- Student Discipline

Policy JFC- Student Conduct

Policy JED- Student Absences and Excuses

Jennifer let them know these are recommended from OSBA

9. Action Items:

a. **Budget Clarification or thoughts:** Would like to take out the old members out of the budget and put in current members. Larry also was concerned with the new format, and that it was difficult to see if the budget maintained the 80/20 split that the board has directed for personnel. (no more than 80% of the budget may be spent on personnel) Jennifer assured the board that the personnel budget was under the 80% mark. Larry made a motion to approve the budget; Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. **LBL ESD contract for Business Services:**

Jennifer and Missy will be going to a meeting with them on Monday the 13th to start getting everything switched over for next year. Sean made a motion to approve the contract for Business Services with LBL ESD; Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Contracts for Staff Approval:**

Reminder we still have 2 teacher positions to hire as well as the custodial positions. Lisa made a motion to approve; Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c/d. Resignation of ECS Board Member, Jenny Demaris: Larry made motion to approve; Kevin Bales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. **New Board members:**

Discussion centered on whether or not the board wanted to fill the empty positions, or if they wanted to fill one, two or all three of the positions. Patty said in 2006 the policy was changed to say that the board could not fall below 5 members, and in 2015 it read that it could not fall below 7.

A motion was made by Kevin Bales to fill all 3 empty positions; Lisa Rorie seconded the motion. Maygen, Patty, Lisa, Sean and Kevin voted yes; Larry voted no. Motion passed with a 5:1 vote.

e. **July Board Meeting**

The July board meeting will be held July 14th at 6:30pm. Next Facilities Meeting will be July 8th at 9:00 am

f. **Approval of 3 months insurance for Retiring Business Manager Ann Cook**

Lisa Rorie made the motion to approve; Sean Bedell seconded the motion

Before the vote, Maygen asked if it is even fair to offer it to her, because this isn't something we have offered to other employees. Is there a way to give it as charitable gift? The answer was no not out of General Funds. Discussion followed.

Ann Cook withdrew her request. However, there was a motion on the table. The vote needed to be carried out. Lisa, Sean and Patty voted in favor of the motion; Maygen and Kevin voted against the motion; Larry abstained. The motion passed with a 3:2 vote.

Larry is unable to vote

10. Good of the Order

Patty explained to the visitors in the crowd that the "good of the Order" is a way for the board to acknowledge the positive things that are happening at ECS.

Jennifer- Kudos to Michael Ulstad who created the new Eddyville T-shirts for the littles basketball camp... he put on an excellent camp he had more kids participate than expected and even had to order more shirts.

Dani- Says Mike was sick for 2 days and that she had to Sub for him at the camp. She called the team to her room for a meeting before the camp and showed them the lesson plans. She had no idea what all of it meant but the boys did and they did exactly what was asked and all she had to do was blow the whistle.

Jackie- She said that Dani was scared when she came to her room and told her what she had to do. The kids took over and ran the camp of over 25 kids this year. She even saw High School kids down on their hands and knees tying little kid's shoes and Trent showing kids how to box out

and use their bottom. The boys were awesome and Michael should be honored with how well they did.

Ann- She seconds the thoughts about the Basketball camp and what a positive activity it is for all of the kids. She also said that Marcia Fairman's last day was today and that the class had a party in her honor, and she saw something that made her cry. She explained what a close knit class this group of 3rd graders are and how there was a new group that came in and how well they came together. They are such a loving group of kids.

Missy- Wanted to congratulate 2nd grade winner Gracie for winning the county wide hand washing poster contest. She got a gift bag and a \$50.00 gift card; her poster will be displayed all over the county next year in schools.

Lisa- Wants to thank Jennifer and her husband for coming in on a holiday weekend and painting the hallway, it looks amazing. Thank You.

Larry- Is glad the school year is over and that his wife is retiring and can start the next part of her life.

Patty- Was handed a stack of diplomas last week to sign by Missy. She said she was so nervous and that she couldn't find a pen to use. She was then told she had to pass them out at graduation. She said it was so special to see the smiles on the faces of the graduates and how genuine they were. The gym was packed, it was beautiful and a very special evening.

Kevin- Thank You to Mrs. Cook for all the years of service and dedication to the school. Thank You and Congratulations.

Sean- Thank you to Patty for planning the work parties

Maygen- Wanted to thank everyone who showed up to the board meeting.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm