

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

April 20,2017

Board Members in Attendance: Maygen Blessman, Patty Kinion, Larry Cook, Ryan Gassner, Kevin Bales, Dwan Loomis, Ashley Conner

Board Members Absent: Lisa Rorie

Administrative in Attendance: Jennifer Johnson, Missy Endicott, Rhonda Allen

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** by Patty Kinion at 6:30 pm
2. **Agenda Adjustments:** #4 on the agenda Classroom presentation cancelled
3. **Approval of agenda:** Maygen Blessman makes a motion to approve the agenda; Dwan Loomis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Dwan Loomis makes a motion to approve the agenda; Ashley Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Patron and/or employee comments for items not on the agenda:** Public that signed in to speak, Stephanie Mekemson.
Stephanie- She made a complaint almost 6 weeks ago and wants to know where we are at with that.
Patty- The complaint was investigated by LCSD and they finalized it today and she should be getting a letter in the next day or so. All of the complaints were done and finalized everyone should be getting a letter.

Bill Henderson stood up and asked to speak even though he didn't sign in. He is the 22 gun club volunteer he currently has 4 kids participating. In the past he has had up to 15 kids. He has a couple questions. What can we do to get more kids involved? What does the participation fee that kids pay go toward?
He wanted help from the school to recruit students.
Patty- It sounds like you need to have a meeting with the principal.
Jennifer- The fees that students pay can cover ammo, or targets, or any other need the group has, as well as insurance. Jennifer encouraged him to come talk with her.
6. **Communications:** NONE
7. **Old Business:** NONE
8. **New Business:**

- a. **Policy Update:** Jennifer recommends that we have OSBA come in and redo our policies. They offer 2 different ones: She is recommending that we work with OSBA to rewrite our policies as a Charter School. The fee for this service is \$3500.

Does this require a vote from the board? Jennifer said No

- b. **Creation of communication committee:** This is a committee to come together to help get communication out. Maygen Blessman, Dwan Loomis, and Ashley Conner all agree to get together and work on this. May 5th will work and Patty will get the info she has out to them.

Kathleen in the crowd asked if parents could be part of this? Patty said no not at this time.

- c. **First reading of policy KL-AR Public Complaint Policy**

What we did in the past was just adopt LCSD policies to get us started as a Charter School and what we found out through our complaint process was that while it works for them, it doesn't work for us. This is one example that needs fixed for our Charter School.

In the new policy, there is wording that states that if there is a complaint against the Superintendent, those complaints would go to an independent administrator.

Kevin- Who is the independent investigator? How would the public know who it is?

Jennifer- We could get with another small school and maybe do some swapping with them. And in August every year we could plan this out and then put it on the web page. We want this to be more user friendly. This is not for generalized complaints this is for when you don't get the answer you need after speaking with the Principal and going through the steps.

Patty- We may need to do more than two readings on this to get it where we need it.

- d. **Review of phone policy:** We will need to fine tune this for next year. It is in our handbook now that they can use the phone during lunch time. Things should change a little for next year to accommodate emergency situations. Now that we just went live with WIFI that should help fix things as well. The kids now have WIFI from 3:30 pm – to 8:00 am daily.

9. Action Items:

- a. **Approval of 2017-18 School Calendar**

Jennifer- The calendar has no student contact days on Friday next year. Next year we will have only 3 cushion days, so if we have more inclement weather days than that, we will have to make them up on Fridays.

Patty- Does Christmas Break look longer this year or is just me?

Jennifer- No actually it is 2 days shorter than LCSD.

Maygen- Thought that when we went to Fridays that the school would be open for homework help on those some Fridays.

Jennifer- While we could work on doing that the problem is even when we offer things on Fridays we still can't get the kids to come. For instance we set up a test for them to take at the college and no one went so we ended up having to take a school day to do this so they could get tested.

I think this could be part of the communication

Maygen Blessman makes a motion to approve the 2017-18 School Calendar; Kevin Bales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Good of the Order:

Jennifer- We currently took several kids to the college to test and they tested very well. Our annual Spring Fling is coming up on May 17th.

Missy-

Ashley- Likes the swim lessons that the kids are doing. Would like to see it done every year.

Dwan- Looking forward to a new fresh start for next year and to get this year ended.

Patty- Kids are having a stellar year. Thank you to all the people who took the time to file complaints I have learned a lot and how to do better with the process and how to improve the system.

Kevin- Nothing

Ryan- Nothing

Larry- He helped take some kids to LBCC for the Perennial math competition that was a great event. It was a good deal the kids were excited about it, even when they didn't win a prize. Probably 300 kids went to this event he would like to see more opportunities like this for our kids.

Maygen- Thank you for approving the Seattle trip it is really important and a Eddyville tradition.

11. **Adjourn:** Larry makes a motion to adjourn; Kevin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.