

EAST MARSHALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Regular Meeting

May 17, 2021

The Board for the East Marshall Community School District met in a Regular Session on 5/17/21 in the Board room at the East Marshall District Office in Gilman at 6:30 p.m. Members Present Andrea Terrones, Terri Hungerford, Craig Mommer, and Elizabeth Crandon via Zoom. Absent: Ann Dee Bloom. Also present: Superintendent Anthony Ryan, Business Manager/Board Secretary Riley Myers, Principals Cathy DeBondt, Janelle Pirkel, and Matt Rasmusson, Randy Sharp from Estes, and community members.

Chairman Terrones called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Secretary Riley Myers took roll call to determine a quorum for the meeting. Members Present: Andrea Terrones, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, Craig Mommer. Members Absent: Ann Dee Bloom. Board Member Hungerford read the District's mission statement.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS: Members from the East Marshall Community individually addressed the Board in regards to agenda item six. Chairman Terrones thanked everyone for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Ryan presented the following consent agenda items to the Board: 3A) Bells and Whistles reports; 3B) Approve the regular minutes from April 12, 2021 and special minutes from April 19, 2021; 3C) Approve bills, invoices, and financial statements as presented; 3D) Approve the following fundraising requests: Sell cookie dough from April 30-May 10 with profits going towards band trip from high school and equipment repair for middle school and Beck's field day for cross country in July or August with profits going towards cross country equipment; E) There were no volunteer coaches; 3F) There were no interagency agreements; 3G) Approve the contract with DJ Service for 2022 Prom; 3H) Approve the contract Best Western Regency for 2022 Prom; 3I) Approve the NitriStudent K-12 Subscription Agreement; 3J.a.) Approve the following open enrollment application in for 2020-21 meeting good cause for Amera Fitzwater-2nd and Anjelica Castro-10th; 3J.b.) Approve the following open enrollment application out meeting good cause for Colton Krough-7th and Caitlin Monk-12th; 3K.a.) Approve the following resignations for Amber Heishman as Master Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Katherine Kerr as Middle School Associate effect May 21, 2021, Garrett Ament as High School Ag Science Teacher and FFA Sponsor effective in August, Katelyn Gettle as Third Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Sara Cook as Middle School Science Teacher and Middle School Technology Assistant effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Kelley Roseland as High School Cook effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Cathy Wehrman as Middle School Cook effective May 17, 2021, Chelsea Miller as Elementary Associate effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Patrick Kopsa as Middle School Football coach effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Jordan Augspurger as High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year; 3K.c.) Approve the following contacts for Sarah Vajgrt as Elementary Teacher for 21-22 at \$38,980, Peyton Maday as Elementary Teacher for 21-22 at \$40,620, Kayla Edwards as K-8 Art Teacher for 21-22 at \$38,980, Amber Heishman as 5th Grade ELA Teacher, Abbie Haupt as Middle School Technology Assistant for 21-22 at \$3,345, Trisha Dobson as Prom Sponsor for 20-21, Priscilla Gammon as Prom Sponsor for 20-21, Naomi Reyner as Prom Sponsor for 20-21, Bob McIlwee as Prom Sponsor for 20-21, Jodi Fuller as Summer Ticket Taking for Summer of 2021 at \$500, Jodi Fuller as High School Summer School Teacher for 2021 at \$25/hr, Mick Good as Seasonal Summer Custodial Help for Summer of 2021 at \$9.00/hr, Katie Angstman as Prom Sponsor for 21-22, Marty King as Prom Sponsor for 21-22, and John Nahas as Prom Sponsor for 21-22; 3L) Reports from the principals and directors as presented in the Board Packet.

Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None.

DISCUSS/APPROVE STUDENT DATA INFORMATION AND DETERMINE UPDATES: Mrs. Pirkel and Mrs. DeBondt presented the data to the Board. Mrs. Pirkel explained that there are two different

screeners/assessments that are taken over the past few years, so the comparison isn't exact. Mrs. Pirkl and Mrs. DeBonds also stated that the data for the spring testing was not included because some students are finishing up their testing currently. After reviewing the data presented, the Board revisited an earlier discussion on adding an additional position(s) at the elementary to help class sizes. The Board discussed that using ESSER money for the position(s) would be a timeline, and that is not the route the Board wanted to go.

Motion by Crandon, second by Hungerford to add a second grade position and a third grade position at the Elementary. Ayes: Terrones, Crandon, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSS DISTRICT GOALS: Chairman Terrones stated this discussion will be continued to future meetings, and this first discussion is to identify what the Board wants to focus on for the next school year. The following topics were brought up: Class sizes, student achievement, teacher (staff) retention, showing pride, before and after school program, climate control in buildings, and making the district appealing to staff and students.

Board Member Crandon left at 7:33 p.m.

DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS (ESTES): Randy Sharp from Estes informed the Board of the process around the school district. The light poles for the softball field were scheduled to arrive on 5/18/21 and were hoping to get them up by the end of the week weather permitting. The materials for the bleachers have been delivered, but still need to be built. Concrete slabs still need to be poured for the bleachers and sheds. Siding for the bus barn should be complete by end of the week and the total bus barn should be complete within the next few weeks. The retaining wall at the softball field should be done with week weather permitting. The roofing and fencing have been completed. The sheds should arrive within the next few weeks. The removal of stumps and any landscaping projects will be completed in the month of May.

APPROVE OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS (ESTES): There were no change orders to approve at this meeting.

APPROVE THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR/COACHING/SPONSORS CONTRACTS FOR 2021-2022

SCHOOL YEAR: Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the Extra-curricular/Coaching/Sponsors Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSS GRADUATION CEREMONY ON MAY 23, 2021: Mr. Rasmusson shared information about the graduation ceremony with the Board. Mr. Rasmusson stated that the plan is to have the graduation on the football field with students on the track and community members and parents on the bleachers. The alternate option if it rains will be to have it in the old gymnasium at the High School. The graduation ceremony will be lived streamed again this year for those who cannot make it.

APPROVE THE FY21 BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Myers discussed the need for the budget amendment for FY21. Motion by Mommer, second by Hungerford to approve FY21 Budget Amendment public hearing date for May 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEES: Mr. Ryan presented the 2021-22 fees to the Board. Mr. Ryan recommended to increase book fees \$5 per semester and no changed for other fees for the 2021-22 excluding adult lunches. Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the 2021-22 school registration fees minus adult lunch to be revisited at next meeting. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE ANNUAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (EMC/JESTER) RENEWAL AND PREMIUMS: Mr. Ryan presented the annual liability insurance renewal and premiums to the Board. Mr. Ryan stated there is no surprise the premiums increase especially with Derecho. Motion by Mommer, second by Hungerford to approve the annual liability insurance renewal and premiums of \$137,404 with EMC/Jester.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES FOR JUNE AND AUGUST: Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the board meeting date changes to June 14th, 2021 and August 18th, 2021. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVE WATERBECK BUS STOP AGREEMENT FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Motion by Mommer, second by Hungerford to approve the Waterbeck bus stop agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE TECHNOLOGY EXTENDED SERVICE CONTRACT FOR DEVICES: Mr. Ryan explained to the board what the extended service would cover. Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE SHARED BUILDING AND GROUNDS POSITION WITH MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to approve the shared building and grounds position with Marshalltown CSD. Ayes: Terrones, Hungerford, Mommer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSS FACILITIES ASSESSMENT: The Board discussed potential projects that the school district could do over the next few years. Chairman Terrones expressed that this will be an ongoing discussion the Board will have.

DISCUSS STATE FUNDING COMPARISONS OF DISTRICTS ACROSS FUNDS: Mr. Ryan shared that East Marshall's enrollment is different than other schools in the area. Open enrollment in to East Marshall is a large number of the students that attend. Mr. Ryan shared a document with the Board showing what state funds follow each student and which stay with the resident district. Mr. Ryan encouraged the Board to reach out to local legislators to share their thoughts on state funds following students.

REPORT BY SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ryan provided an update to the Board on the following: Meskwaki Settlement has extended the offer to provide a vaccine clinic to our students ages 12-15 years and older; Final day for students will be Friday, June 4th, and the final day for teachers will be Monday, June 7th; TQ Committee has offered the opportunity for teachers to work an extra day for TQ pay; Moving forward with MCC in securing a counselor for the Senior Plus support grant; Graduation is scheduled for May 23rd on the football field weather permitting; Newly renovated website is scheduled to go online in August; Bus garage is being addressed; Softball lighting is coming together and will be functional by May 28th; Softball fencing and backstop is repaired, An architect will be recommended at the next board meeting in order to get moving into the next phase for any construction projects.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hungerford, second by Mommer to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Attest: Riley Myers, Board Secretary

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Andrea Terrones, Board President