

EAST MARSHALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Regular Meeting

December 9, 2019

The Board for the East Marshall Community School District met in a Regular Session on 12/9/19 in the family consumer science room at the East Marshall High School in LeGrand at 4:30 p.m. Members Present: Craig Mommer, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, Ann Dee Bloom, Andrea Terrones. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Anthony Ryan, Business Manager/Board Secretary Riley Myers, Principals Cathy DeBondt, Janelle Pirkl, and Matt Rasmusson.

Chairman Mommer called the regular meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Board Secretary Riley Myers took roll call to determine a quorum for the meeting. Members Present: Craig Mommer, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, Ann Dee Bloom, Andrea Terrones. Members Absent: None. Principals read the District's mission statement.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Ryan presented the following consent agenda items to the Board: 3A) Bells and Whistles reports; 3B) Approve the regular meeting minutes from November 19, 2019; 3C) Approve bills, invoices, and financial statements as presented; 3D) Approve the following donation of Title I books from Mr. Schelp in honor of his late aunt; 3E) No volunteer coaches to approve; 3F) No interagency agreements to approve; 3G.a.) Approve the following open enrollment in application for 2019-20 meeting good cause for Jailynn Williams-Kdg. Approve the following open enrollment in applications for 2020-2021 for Kaleb Larson-7th and Katelyn Larson-2nd; 3H.c.) Approve Jarrett DeFields request for extended leave for military training; 3I) Reports from the principals and directors as presented in the Board Packet.

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

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES: Motion by Bloom, second by Terrones to appoint Board members Craig Mommer, Elizabeth Crandon, Terri Hungerford, Ann Dee Bloom, and Andrea Terrones to the Negotiations Committee with Superintendent Anthony Ryan appointed as chief negotiator for the district. Ayes: Mommer, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom, Terrones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Crandon, second by Hungerford to appoint Board member Craig Mommer to the Insurance Committee. Ayes: Mommer, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom, Terrones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Terrones, second by Bloom to appoint Board member Terri Hungerford to the Marshall County Compensation Board. Ayes: Mommer, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom, Terrones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Crandon, second by Hungerford to appoint Board member Ann Dee Bloom to the Finance Committee. Ayes: Mommer, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom, Terrones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Hungerford, second by Bloom to appoint Board members Elizabeth Crandon and Andrea Terrones to the Community Leadership Team. Ayes: Mommer, Crandon, Hungerford, Bloom, Terrones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND REFLECT FROM LEGISLATIVE FORUM: Mr. Ryan asked the Board how they thought the Legislative Dinner on Wednesday December 4th went and what they got from it. The Board agreed that everything went well and there was a lot of good discussions. A key item that was brought up was mental health and how important it is. Supplemental State Aid was also a topic item during the dinner and how the data is being interpreted. The Board suggested next year to let surrounding school districts know sooner in hopes for more participation. The Board agreed to plan on the first Wednesday in December for the next year.

DISCUSS INFORMATION FLOW PROCESSES (IASB STANDARD 1): Mr. Ryan presented to the Board a Board Activity. Mr. Ryan stated that with the recent Board Elections, it would be beneficial to go through the information flow process between the superintendent and Board Members. The Board Members agreed with the

current process that is in place. The Board Members and Mr. Ryan agreed to no surprises. The Board made suggestions in regards to the district's website design update process and adding a "How to make comments" section.

DISCUSS ENGAGING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS (IASB STANDARD 6): Mr. Ryan stated this is another Board Activity. Mr. Ryan asked the Board to list one or two talking points to have with the legislators. The Board decided on mental health and Supplemental State Aid. The Board discussed that mental health is very important for our students and their education. Since mental health has such a crucial impact on students, will there be additional funding so students can receive the proper services? Will there be trainings for teachers?

The Board also discussed the impact Supplemental State Aid has on each school district and the effects it makes whether the school district is in an urban area or rural area. It was also discussed to push for 2.5-3% for next year.

The Board did discuss the initiatives for Future Ready Iowa and the impact it can have on students and their futures. It was stated that about 70% of students should have post-secondary education; however, most students are not aware of what is needed for certain job opportunities.

DISCUSS IASB AT THE BOARD TABLE ACTIVITY ON POLICY AND LEGAL (STANDARD 4): Mr. Ryan went through the Board Activity with the Board Members. One of the main topics were the difference between what is legal and what is ethical. Mr. Ryan went through a scenario and the Board had to go through the discussion topics. Another topic that was mentioned was talking to the press. Mr. Ryan stated that the Superintendent speaks for District and Board President speaks for the Board.

DISCUSS IASB AT THE BOARD TABLE ACTIVITY ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (STANDARD 5): Mr. Ryan suggested to postpone this discussion to a later date. The Board agreed to the suggestion and will discuss this topic at a later date.

DISCUSS IASB CUSTOMIZED SESSION FOR EAST MARSHALL: Mr. Ryan informed the Board that IASB has a traveling learning session. Mr. Ryan stated that with the Board Elections being late this year and not many members were about to attend the IASB Conference, that this could be beneficial to the Board. The Board agreed and Mr. Ryan will be reaching out to IASB to see what times are available.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ryan reported that the annual DE Desk Audits for the school district is underway; The topic "Flex Fund" was brought up at the legislative dinner and as a reminder cash and spending authority are two entirely different things; Due to December's Board meeting being early, an early pay batch for bills will occur; NICL conference is communicating with Oelwein School District to join the NICL conference with the withdrawal of West Marshall; Mrs. DeBondt has communicated her plans for the reading para-educator supports; Liability insurance increased from the 2018-19 school year to the 2019-2020 school year, possibility of getting bid from EMC. Need to schedule a special meeting to discuss details; Mr. Ryan plans on taking vacation time most of the week of December 23rd; Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Ryan wish each Board member and their families a wonderful winter holiday break.

DISCUSS BOARD AND ADMINISTRATOR NEWSLETTER: Mr. Ryan presented the Board and Administrator newsletter. This month's newsletter covered the following topics: The board had 4 key responsibilities; Your Superintendent has 5 key responsibilities; Case studies reinforce board's proper role; and Public censure is last step in discipline of a board member.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hungerford, second by Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Attest: Riley Myers, Board Secretary

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Craig Mommer, Board President