

EMINENCE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2022

The Eminence Community School Corporation Board of Trustees held the regular monthly Public Board Meeting on Thursday, September 15th, in the Junior Senior High School Media Center.

I. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Vice President, Jennifer Bales, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Welcome to Visitors

Vice President Bales welcomed everyone to the meeting. Board members present were Secretary Andrew Finney, Catherine Stockwell, Holly Webb, and President Jeff Saucerman who was participating virtually. Also in attendance were Superintendent Wesley Hammond, Corporation Deputy Treasurer, Ida Ringler, Corporation Administrative Assistant, Susan Shupe, and several patrons. (See attached sign-in sheet.)

III. Approval of the Agenda

The board voted to approve the agenda as presented on a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

IV. Patron Comments

Special education teacher, Veronica Fritsch, stated that the junior senior high school will have more dual enrollment/credit teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. This is due to the fact that several teachers are actively pursuing the necessary certification to be able to teach dual credit courses.

V. STEM Cadre Presentation - Doug Bagg and Connie McDaniel

Doug Bagg, The Eminence Community School Corporation STEM Coach and Connie McDaniel, the STEM Technical Support Specialist with the Indiana Department of Education presented information regarding the STEM Cadre that Eminence is currently participating in. This program pays the costs of the STEM coach's salary and benefits to allow him to work with middle school teachers to bring STEM related teaching methodologies and inquiry based learning to the classroom. These methods are designed to more fully engage students in their

own learning as well as to increase student interest in the curriculum. Ultimately, Eminence Junior Senior High School is seeking to become a STEM Certified School just as Eminence Elementary School is.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A.** Approval of Regular Session Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2022
- B.** September Claims - In the amount of \$154,739.55
- C.** Donations
 - 1. Patrick M. O’Leary II - \$250 for Red Level Business Sponsorship of the Athletic Program
 - 2. Donald Skiles - \$4,000 for the Varsity Boys Basketball Program
 - 3. Spring Lakes LLC (Robert Hubbard) - \$400 for the Varsity Girls Basketball Program
 - 4. Costin Funeral Chapel, Inc. - \$300 for Varsity Girls Basketball Gear
 - 5. Breaking the Law Construction and Contracting - \$300 for Varsity Girls Basketball Gear
 - 6. Eminence Lions Club - \$300 for Varsity Girls Basketball Gear
 - 7. Ray’s Trash Service, Inc. - \$100 for Varsity Girls Basketball Gear
 - 8. Brain Chilzz (Natasha Halcomb) - \$300 for High School Girls Basketball Program
 - 9. Jason Taylor - \$250 for High School Girls Basketball Program
 - 10. Kevin Coryell - \$300 for High School Girls Varsity Basketball
 - 11. Shari Plummer (Mason Excavating) - \$200 for High School Girls Varsity Basketball
- D.** Resolutions - None

Item A on the Consent Agenda had to be voted on separately due to board member absences from the August 18 meeting. The minutes of the August 18, 2022, regular school board meeting were approved on a motion by Andrew Finney, seconded by Holly Webb and passed on a roll call vote of 3-0-2. Andrew Finney, Holly Webb, and Catherine Stockwell voted to approve the minutes and Jeff Saucerman and Jennifer Bales abstained.

Consent Agenda items B, C, and D were voted on as a whole and were approved on a motion by Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Jennifer Bales, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

VII. Personnel Report

Resignations

- None

Retirement

- None

Hiring

- Lindsey Agan - Elementary Teacher - Grade 5 Math and Robotics (\$38,000)
- Julie Collenbaugh - Jr-Sr HS Instructional Assistant (\$11/hour)
- Rosalie (Cookie) Lorah - School Bus Monitor and Possible Substitute White Bus Driver (\$50/Day)
- Gwen Garthright - Substitute Teacher
- Amanda Lacher - Substitute Teacher
- Mande Watkins - Sophomore Class Sponsor (\$250 - ½ Sponsor Stipend)
- Madison Welton - Sophomore Class Sponsor (\$250 - ½ Sponsor Stipend)
- Ryan Saucerman - Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Coach (\$750)
- James Wood - Varsity Softball Head Coach (\$2,400)
- Sam Barnett - Volunteer High School Boys Basketball Coach

Approval of Transfer

- None

Approval to Release Athletic and ECA Stipends

- None

Other Personnel Items

- None

The Personnel Report was approved as presented on a motion by Jennifer Bales, seconded by Holly Webb, and passed on a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Jeff Saucerman abstaining.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

A. Recommendation to Approve Quote for Baseball Backstop Replacement

The board approved quote Option #1 supplied by K & K Fence Co., Inc. to tear down the old baseball backstop and replace it with a new one with a motion from Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Jennifer Bales, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0. Total cost for the project is \$24,280.

B. Recommendation to Approve the 2022-2023 Certified Staff Evaluation Plan

The board approved the recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Certified Staff Evaluation Plan with a motion from Holly Webb, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

C. Recommendation to Approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy

The board approved the recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy with a motion from Jennifer Bales, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

D. Recommendation to Approve Test Security Policy

The board approved the recommendation to approve the Corporation Test Security Policy with a motion from Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Andrew Finney, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

E. Other - Nothing added to the agenda to be acted upon.

X. Professional Leave/Field Trips

A. Recommendation to Approve Professional Leave Report

The board approved the recommendation to approve the out of state and overnight professional development request by Shane Davis with a motion from Jennifer Bales, seconded by Andrew Finney on a roll call vote of 5-0. The remainder of the report was provided for informational purposes only.

B. Recommendation to Approve Field Trip Report

There were no out of state or overnight field trip requests to be acted upon. The report was provided for informational purposes only.

XI. Monthly ECA Reports

Information provided for board members to review and no action was required:

- A. ECA Report Elementary (August 2022)
- B. ECA Report JR/SR High (August 2022)
- C. ECA Credit Card Report (August 2022)

XII. Corporation Treasurer Report

- A. BNY Mellon Report - August 2022
- B. Treasurer's Report - None
- C. After Checks Reports
 - 1. February 2022
 - 2. March 2022
 - 3. April 2022
 - 4. May 2022
 - 5. June 2022

The After Checks Reports were approved with a motion from Jennifer Bales, seconded by Holly Webb, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0. The remaining information was provided for board members to review and no action was required.

XIII. Information from the Superintendent

Information provided for board members to review and no action was required:

- A. Technology Report - August 2022
- B. Technology Monthly Summary Report - August 2022
- C. Fundraisers

D. Other - None

XIV. Comments from Board Members

Catherine Stockwell stated that she thought the school year was off to a good start and Andrew Finney concurred.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm with a motion from Jennifer Bales, seconded by Holly Webb, and passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 27, 2022.



President Jeff Saucerman



Secretary Andrew Finney