

**EMINENCE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**December 17, 2020**

The Eminence Community School Corporation Board of Trustees held the monthly Public Board Meeting on Thursday, December 17, in the Media Center.

**I. Call To Order**

Jeff Saucerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Welcome**

President Jeff Saucerman asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Andrew Finney, Jennifer Bales, Todd Shupe and Jeff Saucerman. Superintendent Laura Penman and Deputy Treasurer Susan Shupe were present. Principal Dustin Adams was present. Principal Brian Burelison, Athletic Director Shane Davis, and Treasurer Michele Tracy were in attendance virtually.

**III. Patron Comments**

No patron comments.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

**November 12, 2020** Regular Board Meeting

**December 9, 2020** Superintendent Contract Hearing

**Personnel-**

**Hire: Michael Wright** Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball  
JV Boys Basketball Coach

**Bryce Ator** 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

**Karen Myers** Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

**Iris Willis** Bus Monitor

**Resignation:**

**Beth Arnold** Kindergarten Teacher

**Laci Hamblen** Bus Monitor

**Claims** 1-40 \$88,177.74

**Resolutions**

None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda with a motion from Todd Shupe and seconded by Jennifer Bales with a vote 4-0.

**V. Superintendent's Recommendations/Requests**

**A. Approval of the Amended Superintendent Contract**

The Board approved the amendment of the Superintendent Contract with a motion from Jeff Saucerman and seconded by Todd Shupe with a vote 4-0.

## **B. Calendar SY 2021-2022**

The Board approved the calendar for SY 2021-2022 with a motion from Jennifer Bales and seconded by Andrew Finney with a vote 3-1. Jeff Saucerman opposed.

## **C. Administrative Contracts**

The Board approved contracts for building principals Dustin Adams and Brian Burelison with a motion from Andrew Finney and seconded by Jennifer Bales with a vote 4-0.

## **D. Donations**

**Gordon Crone** \$200/Pathways Bottle Cap Project  
**Eminence Lions Club** \$500/Jr High Basketballs  
**Eminence Lions Club** \$200/Team Shirts  
**Morgan Co Farm Bureau Inc** \$200/FFA  
**Eminence Lions Club** \$100/Band **In Memory of Trent Cecil**  
**C2IT Consulting Inc** \$500/Athletics

The Board approved accepting the above donations with a motion from Todd Shupe and seconded by Jeff Saucerman with a vote 4-0.

## **E. Permission to Pay Late Arriving 2020 Bills**

The Board approved paying late arriving 2020 bills with a motion from Andrew Finney and seconded by Jennifer Bales with a vote 4-0.

## **F. Permission to Balance Accounts and Funds**

The Board approved balancing accounts and funds with a motion from Todd Shupe and seconded by Jennifer Bales with a vote 4-0.

## **VII. Monthly ECA Reports**

Board Members reviewed:

ECA Report Jr/Sr High  
ECA Report Elementary  
ECA Credit Card Report

## **VIII. Corporation Treasurer Report**

**After Checks AP Voucher**  
**BNY Mellon**

Board Members reviewed Corporation Treasurer Report

## **IX. Other Business**

### **Covid Closures**

The Board approved a policy stating: **Should school close due to Covid, ECA events scheduled for that day would be cancelled, unless deemed necessary by Mrs. Penman.**

The Board approved the new policy with a motion from Andrew Finney and seconded by Todd Shupe with a vote 4-0.

**November Technology Report-** Annie Burns

**Data Dashboard** Principals Dustin Adams and Brian Burelison expanded on dashboard information concerning virtual student count.

**Corporation Newsletter** A copy of the December 2020 Corporation Newsletter was shared with the Board.


**Presentation to Brent Pottorff** Mrs. Penman expressed appreciation to Brent Pottorff on behalf of the Administration, Staff, Students, and Board for his dedication as a board member 2017-2020. A plaque will be presented to Brent at a later date.


**Discussion** The Board discussed, with Mrs. Penman and Principals, staff morale and sacrifices made by the staff to follow safe procedures. Mr. Adams expressed appreciation for the dedication and determination his staff has to ensure students receive missed instruction due to Covid19 spring 2020, as well as, pushing forward with new material. There was also discussion revisiting the policy stating ineligibility of virtual (by choice) students to be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian.

**X. Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

**Next Public Meeting: January 7, 2021**

  
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**President** Jeff Saucerman

  
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**Secretary** Andrew Finney