

EMINENCE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Eminence Community School Corporation Board of Trustees held a Special Session on Tuesday, January 2nd, in the Junior Senior High School Media Center.

- I. **Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
Since this was the reorganizational meeting, Superintendent, Wes Hammond, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **Welcome**
Superintendent Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Andrew Finney, Catherine Stockwell, Holly Webb, and Jason Mayes. Board member Jeremy Clay was not in attendance. There was one patron present. (See attached sign-in sheet.)
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
The board voted to approve the agenda with a motion from Holly Webb, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and passed on a vote of 4-0.
- IV. **Patron Comments**
Chet Cromer talked about seniors. He meets with them regularly as senior class sponsor and he stated that some are well prepared for their future plans and some are not. Some know what they want to do and some do not. The FAFSA is also late this year and has created issues for students and parents. He feels that there is not enough information coming out of the school and would like to see more information forthcoming. Also has concerns about Spanish and Calculus classes and does not feel there is enough support for these classes from the school. He encouraged the board to seek solutions.
- V. **School Board Reorganization as Required by IC 20-26-4-1**
 - A. **Election of President**
Andrew Finney was nominated to be board president by Holly Webb. The board approved Andrew Finney as the Board President with a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and a vote of 3-0-1.
Andrew Finney abstained.
 - B. **Election of Vice-President**
Catherine Stockwell was nominated to be board vice-president by Andrew Finney. The board approved Catherine Stockwell as the Board Vice-President with a motion by Andrew Finney, seconded by Holly

Webb, and a vote of 3-0-1. Catherine Stockwell abstained.

C. Election of Secretary

Holly Webb was nominated to be board secretary by Catherine Stockwell. The board approved Holly Webb as the Secretary of the Board with a motion by Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Andrew Finney, and a vote of 3-0-1. Holly Webb abstained.

D. Appointment of School Corporation Treasurer

The board approved Ida Ringler as the Corporation Treasurer with a motion by Andrew Finney, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and a vote of 4-0.

E. Appointment of School Corporation Deputy Treasurer

The board approved Susan Shupe as the Corporation Deputy Treasurer with a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Andrew Finney, and a vote of 4-0.

F. Appointment of K-12 ECA Treasurer

The board approved Molly Finney as the K-12 ECA Treasurer with a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and vote of 3-0-1. Andrew Finney abstained.

G. Designation of Public Depositories

The board approved the designation of Citizens Bank as the corporation public depository with a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Jason Mayes, and a vote 4-0.

H. Appointment of School Corporation Attorney

The board approved the appointment of Michelle Cooper with Lewis & Kappes as the school corporation attorney with a motion by Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Holly Webb, and a vote of 4-0.

I. Establishment of Compensation for School Board Members (IC 20-26-4-7)

The board approved the tabling of this item with a motion by Andrew Finney, seconded by Holly Webb, with a vote of 4-0.

J. Establishment of Date, Time, and Location for Regular School Board Meetings

The board approved the establishment of the date, time and location for regular school board meetings with a motion by Andrew Finney, seconded by Catherine Stockwell, and a vote of 4-0. Regular school board meetings will be the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the junior senior high school media center.

K. Consideration of Newspapers for Legal Advertisements

The board approved the Martinsville Reporter Times as the newspaper

the corporation will use for legal advertisements with a motion by Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Andrew Finney, and a vote of 4-0.

L. Designation of School Board Legislative Liaison

Jason Mayes was nominated to be the School Board Legislative Liaison by Holly Webb. The board approved Jason Mayes as the School Board Legislative Liaison with a motion by Catherine Stockwell, seconded by Andrew Finney, and a vote of 3-0-1. Jason Mayes abstained.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations/Requests .

A. Other

There was no further business.

VII. Comments from Board Members

Jason Mayes thanked Chet Cromer for bringing up the topics he discussed during Patron Comments. He said he is concerned with staff not wanting to come to the board and suggested an anonymous comment box. Could do a teacher of the month, etc. anonymously.

Holly Webb thanked Chet Cromer as well and said he had good suggestions. She also said that we sometimes expect students to help themselves which is not always best. She agreed that calculus is a problem since we have not been able to acquire a math teacher that is proficient in the subject. Need to communicate staff concerns to the administration.


Catherine Stockwell said that the natural break at the start of a new semester is a good time to start something new. Also, every comment has another lens. She also wants us to look at local businesses to do the night cleaning of the building and wants us to receive quotes this year. Finally, we can always do better and can communicate better.

Andrew Finney gave a shout out to the boys basketball team even in the midst of a tough season. Coach Dorsett is very positive. Chet Cromer chimed in that it is a good environment. Mr. Finney is looking forward to the new year and wants the building and corporation administration to work with the guidance counselor to better know the job and expectations.

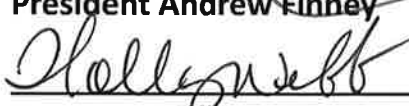
VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. pm with a motion by Holly Webb, seconded by Andrew Finney, and a vote of 4-0

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 18, 2024.



President Andrew Finney



Secretary Holly Webb