

OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 - 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Josh Miller at 6:37 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
- b. Members Present: Josh Miller, Eric Jones, Brooke Wooley, Erin Bancroft, David Huff, Dayna Bancroft,

Members Absent: Michael Schiffer arrived at 6:40 pm

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by David Huff, support by Erin Bancroft to approve the consent agenda for the May 17, 2021 Board Meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5-0. The agenda included the following items:

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting and April 19, 2021 Closed Session Meeting
- c. Approval of Payment of Bills
- d. Monthly Financial Reports
- e. Approval to renew board policy 5113 to offer Schools of Choice at OEAS
- f. Approval of teachers recommended for continued probationary status:
Ellyn Faziani, Linda Snelling, Ben Smith, Anna Hungerford, Nick Hufnagel, Kaitlyn Humphrey, Caron White, Heidi LaClair, Guy White, Justin Fluharty, Macey Ehman, Michelle McDowell, Johnnie Lewis, Hannah Kolito, Anna Clarizio, Kerry Shadbolt, Amber Johnson, Amy Fanning, Jenna Collins, Peter Faziani, Kimberley Hewitt
- g. Annual MHSAA Membership Resolution

3. Recognition

- a. Teacher Completion of Probationary Status
Dr. Cunningham presents Cadi Drayton and Felicia Gingrich who have successfully completed their probationary period.

- b. Class of 2021 High School Honor Students - Mr. Tokar will announce the Honor Students from the Class of 2021.

- **Top Ten (in rank order)/Summa Cum Laude (4.0+)**

Jordan Hitchens, Skyler Spitzley, Mary Sopocy, Emily Sopocy, Taylor Stinson, Rachael Roszman, Callum Holley, Joshua Swender, Olyvia Bensinger, and Allison Reppenhagen.

4. Reports

- a. Dr. Cunningham and Mr. Barton will present the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools “Return to Learn Plan - Reconfirmation”.
- b. Building/Department Highlights and Updates - R. Parsons, A. Ormsbee, B. Powell, J. Tokar, D. Levey, C. Coleman, D. Davenport, R. Barton

5. Communication From Ovid-Elsie Personnel

6. Correspondence

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. **Ovid-Elsie “Return to Learn Plan - Reconfirmation”**

Motion by Erin Bancroft, supported by Dayna Bancroft for the Board of Education to approve Ovid-Elsie “Return to Learn Plan” as presented, **with a roll call vote**.
Motion passed 6-0.

- b. **Middle School Spring Dance**

Motion by David Huff, supported by Eric Jones for the Board of Education to approve Parent sponsored middle school spring dance as presented on Friday, June 11, 2021, **with a roll call vote**. Motion passed 6-0.

- c. **CCRESA Resolution of Board Representative**

- The Board designates Erin Bancroft as its representative to serve on the 2021 electoral body responsible for electing members to the CCRESA Board of Education and Josh Miller as alternative representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.

- The Board supports candidate Ken Krapohl for a position on the CCRESA Board of Education for a term of six years.
- The Board directs its representative Erin Bancroft to vote for candidate Ken Krapohl at least on the first ballot taken at the June 7 election
- The Board authorizes and directs its secretary to files this resolution with the secretary of the CCRESA Board of Education

Roll Call Vote Motion passed 6-0.

d. Building/Department Handbooks

Motion by David Huff, supported by Brooke Wooley to approve the changes to the Elementary Schools, Middle School, High School, Alternative High School, Athletic and Technology Handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

e. Employee Contracts

Motion by Erin Bancroft, supported by David Huff the Board of Education extends a contract to Jennifer Wilcox, as a Special Education Teacher at E.E. Knight Elementary. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Erin Bancroft, supported by David Huff the Board of Education extends a contract to Autumn Windsor, as a new Secondary Guidance Counselor at Ovid-Elsie High School. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Erin Bancroft, supported by Eric Jones the Board of Education extends a contract to Courtney Loynes, as a First Grade Teacher at Leonard Elementary. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

f. Employee Retirements

Motion by Erin Bancroft, supported by David Huff to accept the retirement, with regret of Roxanne Baumgras as paraprofessional, effective June 11, 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Communication From the Public

- Erika Arnett with concerns of teachers promoting the vaccine
- Shannon Beebe with concerns about masking our children and the effects that it could have on oxygen intake. Gave family testimony.
- Niki Kirby has concerns with having vaccination clinic on public school property
- Cheryl Schulze shared her concerns as a Dewitt Bus Driver and the complications she has identifying the students with masks on.
- Kelly Havens has concerns with the reduced air flow, asthma and headaches caused by wearing a mask.
- Kellie Nethaway has concerns with wearing a mask and teaching students with speech impairments. CCQ when students are wearing masks and why. She is also concerned with the content that is being taught in MS health class.
- Kevin Brasseur doesn't like children wearing a mask and teachers telling the children to get a vaccine.
- Jeff Simpson states that it is time to unmask. Jeff has given additional handouts to the board regarding Covid-19, Corna children studies and OSHA laws regarding Respiratory Protection.

10. Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board

11. Hearing From Board Members

Motion by Brooke Wooley, supported by Eric Jones to move the date of the June Board of Education Meeting to Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

12. Adjournment

Motion by David Huff, supported by Eric Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Wooley, Secretary _____
Minutes submitted by: Crystal, Recording Secretary