



AUGUST 2021

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, Aug 16, 2021
@7:00 in Pioneer Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2022 x
[1] Nate James 2025 [2] x Emily Spike 2022 x [3] Lloyd Ferge 2022 x
[4] Heather Madison 2025 x [5] ^Jennifer Cox 2025 x [7] Amy Hendrix 2025 x

STAFF PRESENT: Raymon Smith x Mandy Palmateer x Keith Holman x Denyce Kelly x
Jody Deardorff x
^ Vice - Chair

WELCOME GUESTS: Present Guest: Guests please sign in.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 15 minutes for community testimony.

REPORTS: **FACULTY REPORT:** **IMESD TALKING POINTS:** Handout

FLAG SALUTE

ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office will be administered to Nate James, Heather Madison, and Amy Hendrix. **Oath of Office was administered to new and reinstated board members.**

CALL TO ORDER AT: 7:04

I. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

II.

a. Board Chairperson

MOTION: Nate James moved to elect Delbert Gehrke as Board Chairperson for the 2021-22 School Year. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

b. Vice Chairperson

MOTION: Lloyd Ferge moved to elect Jennifer Cox as Vice Chairperson for the 2021-22 School Year. Amy Hendrix seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

III. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

JUNE 2021

b. Review Bills and Financial Reports

Denyce Kelly IMESD

c. Superintendent Report

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment is up substantially from last year. There are waiting list in all elementary and middle school classrooms. We are looking at having over 300 students to start the school year.
- **COVID Update:** Mr. Smith took suggestions from the board to help draft a letter he would like to send to families, outlining more concrete answers to the questions asked during the Community Forum. Mr. Smith plans to send a draft of the letter to board members for proofing before sending it out. Suggestions from the board also included doing a weekly update to be posted on the District Website and Facebook page. Mr. Smith and the Board agreed that it is very important to keep very clear lines of communication with our families and community.

- **PERS Pension Bond Update:** Denyce Kelly updated the board on the sale of the PERS Pension Bonds. She provided a handout with the breakdown of the sale. She indicated that the sale went very well. The District locked in a True Interest Cost of 2.523%, which was well under the maximum of 4.5% the Board had set. The District will save about 1.3 million over the 20-year life of the bond. The Bond will close on August 19th and the District should start to see lower rates with the September payroll.
- **Back to School BBQ:** The Back to school BBQ will be held before Open House at 4:00 on August 25th.

d. Donations:

e. Personnel/Contracts:

New Hires: Rachel Allen – Athletic Director (Interim)

Resignations: Don Walker – (HS Math, Athletic Director, Coach)

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved for approval of consent agenda items as presented. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. RESOLUTION 22-01

ANNUAL PROCEDURES 2021-22

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve Resolution R22-01 designations A through R under Annual Procedural Business as recommended. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

b. MILEAGE RATE CHANGE

\$0.575 to \$0.56 (Mileage)

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve decreasing mileage reimbursement rates as listed in compliance with the IRS mileage rates. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

V. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:45 p.m. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

Next regular board meeting Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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