



June 2022

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R Regular Board Meeting *Minutes*

**Monday, June 20, 2022
@ 6:00 in Pioneer Hall**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2023 x
[1] Nate James 2025 [2] x Emily Spike 2023 x [3] Lloyd Ferge 2023 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
^ Vice - Chair

WELCOME GUESTS: Present Guest: Guests please sign in.

REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 15 minutes for community testimony.

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

FLAG SALUTE

CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:03

I. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

MAY 2022

b. Review Bills and Financial Reports

Denyce Kelly - IMESD

c. Superintendent Report

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment has remained consistent to end the school year. Elementary and middle school enrollment is pretty full, with waiting list in some grades. Mr. Smith announced that the registrar will be looking at the waiting list for out-of-district 9th-12 grade students wanting to attend school in Echo. We will have room to enroll at the high school level for the 2022-2023 school year. Preschool is full and there is already a waiting list for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten is sitting at 22-23 students. 5th grade is sitting at 34 students. Mr. Smith recommended splitting 5th grade into two classrooms and hiring a 1-year interim teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. The current 5th grade teacher is willing to take on all 34 students, but is fine with splitting the class if that is what is decided. All the board members agree that splitting the class is in the best interest of the students and teacher. Financially, Preschool Promise has helped the preschool program a great deal. With this improved budget, Mr. Smith would like to hire a certified teacher to oversee both the 3 and 4-year-old preschool programs. Preschool Promise requires a certified teacher, in which Mrs. Campbell has been overseeing the preschool teachers and program/curriculum. Mrs. Campbell will have an increased K-5th grade work load for the upcoming year, so the hiring of certified teacher is necessary. The board agrees and Mr. Smith will move forward with hiring a certified teacher.
- **Summer School:** Mr. Holman does not anticipate having junior high/high school students for much more than a week for summer school. He only has about five students that have a below passing grade(s). There were several students that needed to make up hours, but Mr. Holman indicated that approximately 90% of

those students have already cleared that up with him. Elementary Summer School is staffed, prepped, and will start next week. They will be doing full evaluations of staff and programs for summer school this year.

- **Facility Update:** They are finishing up on the electrical and plumbing in the new building across the street. Mr. Smith is waiting on the final quote to approve replacing the fascia board and new gutters around the old elementary wing
- **Facility Grant Update:** Mr. Holman updated the board on the Facility Grant Committee's last meeting. He said it went well. The committee was asked to come up with 10 different ideas of what they would like to see done to accommodate growth. A new K-5th grade building and sports complex across the road, K-5th shared space, adding a second story to the elementary, acquiring property for future sports complex, updating and improving on parking, parking lot and outdoor lighting, expanding the commons and adding second story with classrooms, updating and expanding the elementary hallway, managing with portables, and remodeling the junior high area, were all ideas the committee came up with. Wenaha Group will hopefully have a more detailed growth number for the next meeting. Mr. Holman anticipates that they are only about halfway through this process, but reminded the board that there will be a very detailed presentation that outlines everything at the conclusion of the facility planning process.
- **Student Fee's:** Mr. Smith went over the current student fees. Mr. Smith recommended removing the towel fee and elective fees to help cut down on the cost of student fees. After discussing each fee, the board agrees. This proposed motion for revision will be included on the August regular meeting agenda.

d. Donations:

e. Personnel/Contracts:

New Hires: Courtney Barnes - JH Teacher

Helen Wayne – AG Science

Christina VanNice – Student Relations/TOSA

Resignations: Jaki Burden – Paraprofessional

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

Opened Budget hearing at 7:00. There were no changes to approved budget document.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. RESOLUTION 22-04 ADOPTING BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, LEVYING TAXES

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adopt the Echo School District 5R fiscal year 2022-2023 budget in the total sum of \$10,052,800; adopting budget appropriations as presented in Resolution R22-04 totaling \$8,156,003 with unappropriated and reserve amounts of \$1,896,797 for a total budget of \$10,052,800; imposing and categorizing the tax rate of \$ 4.6747 per thousand of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund, subject to the general government limitations and in the amount of \$381,000 for bonds, excluded from general government limitation. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

b. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

2022-2025

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the three-year Superintendent Contract for 2022-2025. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

c. APPROVE LIMITED-OPEN TO CLASSIFIED CONTRACT

2021-2023

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the two-year Classified Employees Limited – Open Agreement as Amended for 2021-2023. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

D. FITNESS CENTER FEE'S AND USE AGREEMENT

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the changes to the Fitness Center Community Use Agreement to include;

- ***Must have I.D. card to access and use the fitness center.***
- ***\$5 charge per issued I.D. card.***
- ***No person under 18 may be in the fitness center without the supervision of a custodial adult or school employee.***

Emily Spike seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:27 p.m. Emily Spike seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0

Will hold special board meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Next regular board meeting Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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