



# SEPTEMBER 2021

## ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R Regular Board Meeting *Minutes* Monday, Sept 20, 2021

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2022 x  
[1] Nate James 2025 [2] EX 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 EX  
^ 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**

**CALL TO ORDER AT:** 6:10

### I. CONSENT AGENDA

#### a. Approval of Minutes

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#### b. Review Bills and Financial Reports

Denyce Kelly/Jody Deardorff - IMES

#### c. Superintendent Report

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment peaked at 281 students last school year. As of this September we have 302 students enrolled. This number does not include the preschool. We have approximately 40 more students in the building.
- **COVID Update:** Mr. Smith reported that the district is continuing to work through a lot of mixed messages regarding COVID guidelines and mandates. He collected medical/religious exemptions from employees this week. The staff had been working really hard to keep kids actively participating and moving forward.
- **Facility Grants Presentation (Heath Gardner)** Mr. Holman will head the committee with Heath Gardner from Wenaha Group. Wenaha will employ the certified assessors, which is a requirement for school districts that are pursuing Department of Education grants. Heath Gardner and his team will work with our District through the entire process, assembling the necessary teams, generating the facility assessments and required reports. After completing the assessments and long-range planning, the Wenaha team can help with pre-bond services to help our district if we are interested in passing and then executing a bond construction program.
- **Division 22 Standards Presentation:** Mr. Smith will send additional information regarding the Division 22 Standards to Board Members to go over before the October meeting.
- **SIA Update:** Mr. Smith announced that the district will be using the SIA funds for staffing to improve student achievement. Mr. Smith said he will consider filling the Student Success Coordinator position that Mr. Walker was going to move into if the right person comes along.

#### d. Donations: Diane Berry \$250 (FFA)

**e. Personnel/Contracts:**

**New Hires:** Michelle Mack, Kacie West, Nancy Caldwell, Jackie Burden, Tonya McFarlane (Instructional Aids)

**Resignations:** Stacey Hankel

**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**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of contract with Wenaha Group to conduct and complete the Long-Range Facility Grant and Facility Condition Assessments

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to direct award the contract to Wenaha Group to complete the Long-Range Facility Planning Grant and Facility Condition Assessments. Emily Spike seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0**

**III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Heather Madison moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:24 p.m. Emily Spike seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 6-0**

Next regular board meeting Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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