

ELGIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

October 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

1.0 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of allegiance.

1.2 Chuck swore in new board member Kit Evans .

1.3 Roll call: Chuck Anderson, Rod Spikes (absent), Teena Banducci, Jessica Knight (absent) and Kit Evans. Others present: Dianne Greif, Dawn Guentert, Tom Sorensen, Lisa Lathrop and Rusti McClure .

1.4 Elect Vice Chair: Moved to November's meeting.

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

2.1 Visitors guest book/public forum

2.2 Announcements/correspondence. Letter of resignation from Andrew Hawk , Jr. high track coach..

3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Dawn: I provided a printed report for you. A team of teachers (Sonia Boarders, Emily Sorensen, Sheri Anderson, Tucker Murphey and Myself) are participating in a series of training sessions on a program with IMESD. This program revisits instructional practices that are backed by research in student driven classrooms. We presented this program to our teachers during our teacher work day. Our school district will be participating as a pilot district in this teaching strategy. A trainer is coming directly to us for a three day training, this is a great value for our district. After COVID we have seen gaps in learning. The research behind this system has strategies that have a positive effect on learning where students play a direct role in engaged learning. Homecoming was last week. Our athletes modeled such high character in competition it was a proud moment to watch. Both Jr. High and High School Homecoming dances were well attended.

Tom: PreK-6th grade enrollment is 267. We have students attending field trips and all have had reports of good behaviors. The end of the 1st quarter is nearing, student report cards are ready to go. I have worked on our report card format to make it easier for both families and teachers to navigate. We have parent teacher conferences coming up as well.

Athletics, Dawn: Our volleyball team finished one game away from districts. Our football team may be hosting a district playoff game. Cross country continues to also do well. We are asking for board approval to coop with Imbler for Softball. If we can not agree to a co-op with Imbler for baseball, Kevin has also spoken with Cove and Union for a possible co-op.

Maintenance, Dianne: We had our second football game under the lights. It is very exciting to have both the football field and light projects completed.

Dianne: Much of my report will be addressed in our discussion items later in the meeting. We are working to purchase 15.2 acres from Chuck and Sheri. Brock continues to help work through this process. Chuck: I have spoken to the county, the city needs to initiate the next step.

4.0 DISCUSSION ITEM:

4.1 Drug testing, Dianne: Both our student and athletic handbooks speak to drug testing. We have not tested in a long time. Most schools do not test, they found that it has not reduced drug use with students. Currently in our district if we find a student using drugs we contact law enforcement rather than random drug testing. Lisa: I think COVID got more kids involved in drugs due to being home and not involved in activities. Chuck: I would like to see it remain in the handbook so we have the option to test. Dianne: In a lot of our district policies we use the word may instead of will, that might be a change we need in our drug testing language. Dawn: We are doing some new practices at the high school and watching patterns of students.

4.2 Land purchase, Dianne: We gave our update earlier in our report.

4.3 Hiring of additional jr. high coaches. Dianne: Kevin sent this information you were given. I have also included our district's coaching salaries. I believe we need to make a decision: do 6th grade athletes participate to build our programs, or do we exclude them to keep team sizes smaller. At this time 6th grade athletes do have other sports opportunities. In the past we didn't invite 6th grade athletes until we saw how many 7th and 8th graders were participating. The hiring of an additional coach could be based on the number of athletes participating each season. Teena: I personally would never want to stop a student from participating. Dawn: With that we need to talk about adding assistant coaches. Dianne: If we had an assistant coach in all sports it would be an additional cost of around \$15,000. This can be something we can build into our future budgets.

4.4 Division 22 Standards update, Dianne: In the past we have not been in compliance with Division 22, we were behind in curriculum adoption as well as lacking a certified librarian. IMESD has worked really hard to fill those holes for small schools who can not facilitate these needs, and has staffed a licensed librarian. We have also adopted the current K-12 curriculum, again IMESD is working with the Districts in the region to facilitate roving curriculum trains so smaller Districts can review the materials prior to making their choices for adoption. It is very exciting to be able to file a completed Division 22 report this year. That report will be added to our website, www.elgin.k12.or.us.

4.5 SIA update, Dianne: Corporate Tax of \$366,000. The majority of these funds are dedicated to our new field house for this biennium. We are still working on engineered plans for the current project. The SIA funds have also gone to Dirk Bortz's salary (support personnel) as well as a portion of our new counselor, Cortney Guentert-Chagas's salary. We will begin the process of working with our community partners, parents, teaching staff, and students to identify our next need for the SIA. We will facilitate those meetings with surveys, community open house, discussions, and recommendations.

4.6 Measure 98 Update, Dianne: HS Success Grant of \$112,000. In the past we have used half to pay for our Alt Ed Teacher's salary, however I am happy to report we now have fewer students in this program therefore we plan to dedicate a portion of these funds to the new program

Dawn presented earlier. This new program will be used district wide, Dawn has brought Tom in and he is also forming a team in his building.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5.1 Set next meeting: November 21, 2022
- 5.2 Approve minutes: September 19, 2022
- 5.3 Approve bills

Teena moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with correction. Kit second. Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Teena made a motion to accept Andrew Hawk's Jr. high track coach resignation Kit second. Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Hiring of jr. high coaches: Moved to November, Dianne will report on neighboring coaching salaries.

6.3 Approve Division 22 Standards Assurance. Teena Made a motion to approve Division 22 Standards as presented. Kit Second. Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 First reading of policies: JHFE/GBNAB – Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements, Required, JHFE/GBNAB-AR(1) – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child, Required, JHFE/GBNAB-AR(2) – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child, Highly Recommended and JHFF/GBNAA – Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements, Required. Kit made a motion to approve the first reading of minutes as presented. Teena second. Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Teena: I see a lot of positive things, lots of school spirit and student involvement. Kit: I am excited for all these programs that our kids get to participate in. Chuck: Do we have an update on the construction house? Dianne: We have fewer students in the program this year, I believe 5 or 6 students. We anticipate the home to be completed in December. Teena: We would then list it for sale right away? Dianne: Yes.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Hire staff/coaches, policies, presentation of audit, surplus items.

Teena Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Kit second. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Anderson, Board Chair

Rusti McClure, Business Manager