

EARLVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 9  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Earlville Community Unit School District 9, DeKalb, LaSalle and Lee Counties, Illinois, held at the Earlville School on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 was called to order by School Board President Barbara Meloy at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members answered roll call: Mr. John Eager, Mrs. Lisa Harness, Ms. Jennie Smith, Mr. Carl Zimmerman, Mrs. Angie Koontz, Mr. Jeff Maly and Mrs. Barbara Meloy.

**Administrators:** Mr. Rich Faivre and Mrs. Jenette Fruit were present.

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Mr. Stu Bloom from The Earlville Post; Ms Jodi Moore, Superintendent of Leland School; and Mr. Brad Riskedal, Leland School Board member were present.

**MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the transfer of Katie Westvig from PreK teacher to Kindergarten teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Harness seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

Mrs. Koontz made a motion to approve the FMLA request of Holly Baker as presented. Mr. Maly seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

Mrs. Harness made a motion to approve the FMLA request of Kristen Sesto as presented. Mr. Eager seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

Mrs. Koontz made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms Andrea Farrier as FMLA substitute for Mrs. Holly Baker. Mr. Eager seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Eager to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of Minutes, Bills, and Payroll. Mrs. Koontz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

Mrs. Koontz mad a motion to approve the expenses from the 2017 School Board Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Eager seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Eager to approve the Financial Reports. Ms Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**School Leadership Team-** Mrs. Fruit reported the SLT met and discussed looking at Technology teacher and extending math times to align with goals. Curriculum for grades 6-8 will be the next focus. Mrs. Fruit will bring more information to the Board in January.

**Policy Committee** – There are no major policy changes or updates.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **Mrs. Fruit**

Sharing resources with Paw Paw - Mrs. Fruit and Mrs. Marks have met with representatives from Paw Paw. Discussions have included the courses of Spanish I and II, Introduction to Ag, and Horticulture.

Student Recognition – Mrs. Fruit announced the four state scholars; Emily Cook, Alexis Bauer, Alyssa Holiday, and Miriam Hoffman. Two students from IVVC received recognition also; Alex VanDorsten in Math and Holly Lopez for Graphic Design.

### **Mr. Faivre**

Security Cameras – Mr. Faivre told the Board the current security cameras are in desperate need for upgrading and has an approximate cost of \$30,000, of which Tort funds can be used to pay for the cameras and E-rate funds can be used to pay for the wiring. Mr. Faivre plans to budget for this expense for the FY'19 and would like this project to take place in the summer of 2018. Mr. Faivre will bring bids to the January meeting.

Forecast 5 – Mr. Faivre brought the recommendation to the Board to purchase this subscription which includes the use of the program and access to an analyst and support. Forecast 5 allows the District to make future financial projections, including being very a helpful tool for negotiations. Mrs. Harness asked if this program would do above and beyond what Mr. Faivre and Ms Aviles, district bookkeeper, can physically do. Mr. Faivre explained this will save time, energy and effort; it is things that can be done but time can be used for other things. Mr. Faivre has discussed this company with several other Superintendents and has received high recommendations. The Board gave Mr. Faivre permission to proceed with the purchase.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sport Co-Op**

There is a meeting scheduled with Leland for Thursday, December 14. The purpose of that meeting will be to outline the discussion that will be held with the full boards at their respective Board meetings.

Timeline – scheduling for volleyball and boys basketball agreements expire at end of the 2018 school year. If the Co-Op ends, this puts both schools in limbo for IHSA scheduling.

Mr. Faivre would like to discuss this more in January and vote in February. The Co-Op committee will have to meet before January meeting.

The Board discussed the direction for committee to approach: Single managerial direction and what the best route is for the Earlville athletes and District.

**Tax Levy** – Ms Smith made a motion to adopt the 2017 Tax Levy. Mr. Eager seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Mr. Eager, Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Maly, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms Smith, and Mrs. Meloy. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Harness made a motion to adopt policies 2:260, 4:10, 4:15, 4:80, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:140, 6:150, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:340, 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:70, 7:15, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:260, 7:270 as presented. Mr. Eager seconded the motion. All members voted aye by voice and the motion carried.

## **ADJOURN**

Mr. Maly made a motion to return to Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Koontz. All members voted aye by voice and the motion carried.

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Board President

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Board Secretary