ELMWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #322
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education
December 20, 2021
High School Auditorium
301 W. Butternut
6:00 PM Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Dean Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

   ROLL CALL – Dean Cantu, Tom Conklin, Mark Davis, Claude Keefer, Val Ramirez, Katie Vaughan, Kevin Windish

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Davis.

3. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Heather Windish, Jenny Williams, Jeff Lampe, Emily Brunnelson, Josh Walker, Allie Almasi

4. **PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

5. **ACTION ITEMS-CONSENT AGENDA**
   A motion was made by Tom Conklin, seconded by Katie Vaughan, to approve the following consent agenda items:
   - A. *Minutes of Regular Meeting, 11/22/2021
   - B. *Minutes of Building Committee Meeting, 12/8/2021 and 12/20/2021
   - C. *Approval of Bills and Payroll
   - D. *Approval of Treasurer's Report
   - E. *Approval of Activity Fund Reports
   - F. *Personnel—Dismissal/Employment/Retirement/Leaves of Absence
     - *a. Approve the employment of Traci Whitney as Full-Time Elementary Administrative Assistant at a rate of $15/hour for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.*
     - *b. Approve Josh Begner, Grant Strom, Jeremy Anderson and Seth Hart as 5th/6th grade volunteer basketball coaches for the 2021-2022 school year pending certification and fingerprinting.*
     - *c. Approve the employment of Haley Carter as Part-Time Learning Loss Paraprofessional at a rate of $13/hour for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.*
   - G. *Approval of 2022-23 SEAPCO Hiring Survey
   - H. *Approval of 2022-23 Public School Calendar
   - *I.* *Approval of Elementary HVAC Project - Summer 2022 *for $2,293,200 to be completed by Warner Mechanical, LLC.*
   - J. *Approval of Authorization to Accept and Execute Electricity and Natural Gas Fixed Price Agreements Following the Recommendations of Nania Energy for a Term Not to Exceed 36 months

   Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Keefer – yes; Ramirez – yes; Vaughan – yes; Windish – yes
   Motion Carried 7-0

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS –

A. Building Committee Update. Board Member Mark Davis gave an update on the Elementary HVAC project.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Wagner, Superintendent, reported on the following items:

A. Transportation Bid. The administration received bids from (3) companies: Midwest Transit; Central States Bus Sales; and Midwest Bus Sales. This is for the leasing of our bus fleet. The Board would like to look at the possibility of leasing used, gasoline buses, as well as see if the Central State Bus Sales and Midwest Bus Sales had used (2 year old), diesel buses to lease.
B. Administrative Reports

MRS. BRUGGER, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT

- We had our 2nd Problem-Solving Meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 8th. Thank you to our teachers for continuing to find ways to support our students.
- Our winter benchmarking is scheduled for the week on January 17th. We look forward to celebrating our students' growth.
- Teacher Institute is scheduled for January 5th and teachers will be provided time for grade level meetings and GCN training.

STAFF/STUDENTS

- Our theme for December was 'caring'. Our students and staff collected over 1,600 canned goods for families. Thank you to all those students, staff, and families who made donations.
- Our school-wide theme for January will be 'positive attitude'.
- We were able to have in-person concerts on Tuesday, December 14th and Thursday, December 16th. Thank you to Mr. Luke Pratt and Mrs. Buchanan for all their hard work in preparing for our holiday concerts.
- Best of luck to Angie Stanton-Johnson. Thank you for all that you have done for our students over the years.

ACTIVITIES

- JH Girls Volleyball is underway. Good luck to Coach Appell and her team this season.
- 5th and 6th Girls Basketball has also started. We had a great turnout of participants. Good luck to Coach Strom and the team.

DATES

December 20th - BOE Meeting 6 pm
December 22nd - January 4th - NO SCHOOL; Winter Break
January 5th - Teacher Institute
January 6th - School resumes
January 17th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MR. McCOY, JR./SR. HIGH PRINCIPAL
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- The Illinois State Scholars are announced in December each year and we have 4 in the class of 2022- Annie Herman, Madison Herman, Noah Hollis, and Michael Seibert.
- I attended a virtual meeting with Cindy Dollman and Michelle Coconate from the Peoria Regional Office of Education on December 15th. The topics included teacher evaluations, social-emotional learning, and PD opportunities for our staff.
- NWEA Map Testing for the Winter session will be taking place between January 6th and 18th. This will give us student growth data to evaluate curriculum and instruction from the fall semester.

ACTIVITIES

- Winter sports and activities are in full swing-
    - Boys Basketball finished 2nd in the Wethersfield Thanksgiving Tournament with All-Tournament members: Andrew Marincic and Zach Howerton. They will be playing in the Princeville Holiday Tournament.
    - Girls Basketball participated in the Brimfield Thanksgiving Tournament, is currently playing in the Knoxville Tournament, and will be attending the Princeville Holiday Tournament.
    - FFA, Speech, Dance, and Scholastic Bowl teams have been competing in weekly competitions.
- Mr. Pratt and Mrs. Buchanan hosted our Winter Concert on December 7th for JH and HS bands and chorus. Each student was given four tickets to ensure that we had plenty of space for the audience. The performance was well attended and the students did an outstanding job.

DATES

December 21 - Last Day of the Semester
January 5 - Teacher Institute
January 6 - Students return to 2nd semester classes

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

9. CLOSED SESSION – For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public to determine its validity 5 ILCS 120/2c (1)

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Kevin Windish, to go into Closed Session at 6:48 PM.

Cantu – yes; Conklin – yes; Davis – yes; Keefer – yes; Ramirez – yes; Vaughan – yes; Windish – yes
Motion Carried 7-0

A motion was made by Katie Vaughan, seconded by Tom Conklin, to go back into Open Session at 6:53 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Davis, seconded by Val Ramirez, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

Dr. Dean Cantu, President	Mark Davis, Secretary	Dr. Chad Wagner, Recording Secretary