

Cass County School District 097
Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools
March 13, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the boardroom in the high school at Murdock. Board members Jeff Backemeyer, Dave Oehlerking, Jesse Rust, Mark Luetchens, Kathy Frahm and Mark Meyer were present. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Knippelmeyer, and administrative team members Tim Allemang, Bruce Friedrich, and Trisha Nichelson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice.

Board President Mark Luetchens called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board President Luetchens acknowledged the passing of former board member Steve Backemeyer 8 years ago today and recognized Steve's contributions to the board and community.

Discussion Item:

The Board received an update from Vanessa Schuette, with the DLR Group, in regard to the District's comprehensive feasibility study and what that would entail with teachers, staff, and community members.

Backemeyer/Frahm (M/S) to approve board bills, consent agenda, and roll; motion passed 6-0.

The Board received reports from the Director of Student Services, Elementary Principal/Asst Activities Director, Secondary Principal/Activities Director and Superintendent. Topics included: E-M 7th grade student Nathan Miller qualified for State National Geography Bee, upcoming Prom and Post Prom, upcoming NSCAS testing and ACT testing for 11th graders, and legislative updates.

Action Items:

Oehlerking/Rust (M/S) to approve an employment contract with Mrs. Trisha Nichelson for the position of elementary principal / special education coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year with terms as stipulated in the employment contract. Motion passed 6-0.

Rust/Oehlerking (M/S) to approve a certified teaching contract with Mrs. Celena Mortimer for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Luetchens/Backemeyer (M/S) to accept the resignation of Ms. Becky Speer at the end of the 2018-2019 school year and thank her for her service to Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools. Motion passed 6-0.

Frahm/Meyer (M/S) to accept the resignation of Miss Morgan Manley at the end of the 2018-2019 school year and thank her for her service to Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools. Motion passed 6-0.

Backemeyer/Rust (M/S) to approve an employment contract for Mr. Tim Allemang for the position of Junior-Senior High Principal for the 2019-2020 school year with terms as stipulated in the employment contract. Motion passed 6-0.

Frahm/Oehlerking (M/S) to approve an employment contract for Mr. Paul Dwyer for the position of Technology Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year with terms as stipulated in employment contract. Motion passed 6-0.

Oehlerking/Backemeyer (M/S) to approve an employment contract for Mr. Ryan Knippelmeyer for the position of Superintendent for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years with terms as stipulated in employment contract. Motion passed 6-0.

Frahm/Rust (M/S) to approve contract with "Just For Kids Therapy" for providing occupational and physical therapy services for the Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Oehlerking/Backemeyer (M/S) to approve the purchase of property at 313 Wyoming St., Murdock, NE, 68407 as presented and to designate the superintendent to sign all paperwork on behalf of the school district for the purchase of this property. Motion passed 6-0.

Rust/Backemeyer (M/S) to approve the sanding, sealing, painting, and finishing of both the Elmwood and Murdock gyms floors by Egan Supply Co., as presented by the superintendent. Motion passed 6-0.

Frahm/Meyer (M/S) to approve the agreement with DLR Group for District Facility Planning Services as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Frahm/Backemeyer (M/S) to approve the purchase of Pearson's enVision math curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year as presented by the administration. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the remaining 2018-2019 school calendar and the use of inclement weather days. The final contract day for certified staff members will be set at the April Board Meeting.

The Board discussed compensation for non-certificated staff. Information was shared in regard to current costs for non-certified staff members and what those costs would look like next year with different hourly wage increases. The Board will act on non-certified compensation at the April Board Meeting.

Rust/Frahm (M/S) Motion to Adjourn. Motion passed 6-0 @ 8:45 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.