

EAST ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 19, 2022

The Board of Education of East Alton District 13, Madison
County, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 6:01 P.M. on Tuesday,
July 19, 2022, in the Professional Development Room at East Alton Middle
School, 1000 Third Street, East Alton, Illinois.

**REGULAR
MEETING.**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a call of roll, the following members answered present:

Kim Handler, President
Kacie Bamert, Secretary
Margaret Foiles
Mary Karrick
Joan Mudge
Keith Trout

ROLL CALL.

The following members were absent:

David Watts, Vice President

Public Hearing for FY23 E-Learning Days in lieu of Emergency Days

The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Keith Trout to
temporarily suspend the regular meeting to conduct the public hearing at 6:02 P.M.

**TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION OF
REGULAR
MEETING.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kelli Decker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the E-Learning
Plan, which includes up to five hours of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Two of
the five hours would be live instruction with the teacher via Google Meets following an
“I do, we do, you do” format. Pre-K through first grade, students will be sent home a
packet for completion. The goals of e-learning is to help minimize any learning loss from
being outside of the classroom,

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maintaining a daily routine for students, and meeting the social-emotional needs of the students. Daily attendance will be tracked via a google form that is to be completed by the student or parent. Intervention and mindfulness teachers will be available throughout the day to meet with students as needed, as well as the school psychologists, speech-language pathologists, and social worker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Caryl Sellars, employee, asked about tardiness and the expectation of students with working parents.

Decker replied that no student will be counted as tardy. The expectation will be to log in at some point during the day.

Keith Trout, board member, asked about technology and would students be allowed to take home district devices to complete assignments.

Decker replied that devices will be taken home daily, and students will have an extended timeframe to complete assignments.

Carolynne Price, parent, asked about how assignments will be graded; expressed concerns about working full-time and not having enough time in the evening to assist her students with the daily workload from e-learning. What is the benefit to e-learning?

Decker explained that since the district is standards-based, the work won't be graded but will be used to assess the student and their current understanding of the standard being taught. The benefit is to help mitigate any additional learning loss that students may experience from being out of the classroom for an extended period of time.

Decker and Mr. Mario D. Sherrell, Superintendent of Schools, explained that not all days will be e-learning. This will be decided collaboratively with East Alton-Wood River High School to ensure that we remain on the same schedule.

Andrea Hooker, parent, asked how the five hours of instruction were decided upon.

Decker explained that it is a requirement from the state that the school must meet in order for the day to count as an e-learning day.

Deanna Busby, parent, what happens in the event of a power outage?

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Decker replied that students will be given an additional amount of time to complete the assignments.

Linda Kuehnel, employee, asked about a possible late start on snow days.

Sherrell responded that it could be an option but this hearing is a meeting to fulfill the requirement of the state and collaboratively working with the high school.

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Joan Mudge to adjourn the public hearing and resume the regular meeting at 6:25 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN
PUBLIC
HEARING AND
RESUME
REGULAR
MEETING.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Carolynn Price, parent, questions about the mascot and color change; felt this was a step towards consolidation.

Sherrell replied that this option was an alternative to consolidation. The Oiler Nation discussion had been in the works for awhile and the board approved the change at the June meeting.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022, regular meeting and executive session, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES.

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Kacie Bamert to approve the bills from June 21, 2022 thru July 18, 2022, as presented.

BILLS.

The motion carried unanimously.

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The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the authorization to destroy audio recordings more than eighteen months old, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIO
RECORDINGS.**

Mr. Sherrell provided the projected enrollment for the upcoming school year of 737 students. The year end budget was reviewed and indicates the district remained on track with expected expenditures and revenues. Mr. Sherrell informed that board that a Return to Learn plan will be required for the 2022-2023 School Year. A meeting will be held in August to discuss the updating of the plan. August 6th is the Back to School Event held by the Village of East Alton and more Listening Tour dates have been scheduled.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT.**

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Kacie Bamert to approve E-Learning Days in lieu of Emergency Days for the 2022-2023 School Year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
E-LEARNING DAYS.**

The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Joan Mudge to approve Resolution 22-01 “Inter-Fund Loan to Cover Checking Account”, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RES.
22-01.**

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The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the district and building handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISTRICT AND
BUILDING
HANDBOOKS.**

The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Keith Trout to enter into executive session at 7:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION.**

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Margaret Foiles to return to open session at 8:23 P.M. Karrick left at 7:51 P.M.

OPEN SESSION.

The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Margaret Foiles to approve the additional staff request for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
ADDITIONAL STAFF
REQUEST.**

The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the staffing plan, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING PLAN.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Margaret Foiles to the 2022-2023 District Organizational Chart, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
DISTRICT
ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART.**

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The board acknowledged the resignation of Michaela Davis, District Music Teacher, effective July 7, 2022.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF RESIGNATIONS.**

The motion was made by Margaret Foiles and seconded by Joan Mudge to approve the employment of Crystal Patterson, Summer School Bus Driver, and Stephanie Hall, Teacher Assistant, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT.**

The motion was made by Kacie Bamert and seconded by Keith Trout to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ SECRETARY