

## Minutes of Board Meeting

<b><u>Kind of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Regular	JH Gym	April 17, 2024	6:00 p.m.

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>Board Members Absent:</b>
Glen Foote, President	
Don Kussmaul, Secretary	
David Sendt, Vice President	
Daniel Dalberg	
Nikki Nelson	
Esta Poulton	
Christina Schauer – arrived at 6:02	
<b>Others Present:</b>	
TJ Potts, Superintendent	
Darren Sirianni	
Wes Heiar	
Grover Priebe	

**1. Call to Order**

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with 6 members present. Schauer absent

**2. Consent Agenda**

Dalberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Sendt. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0. Schauer arrived at 6:02pm.

**3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**

3.1 Student Council President, Keaira Funston, spoke about the newest fundraiser in which they are selling apparel, in honor of Mr. Reisen, with all proceeds going to his family. They are also planning another Culvers ice cream day, something for the last day for Seniors and decision day. A new Student Council Board for next year has been chosen, but they are still accepting applications to be part of the Student Council body.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

4.1 **Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal**, The Elementary Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) Club is rolling for all our 3rd and 4th grade students interested in this activity. From February 1st through April 18th, Mrs. Schneider will be leading our 3rd and 4th grade students through engineering related activities. There are 34 kids participating in just 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grades along with the 5th and 6th grade group, so Mrs. Schneider split the group in two allowing all kids the opportunity to participate. Thanks to Elizabeth Schneider for her continued passion for the content and kids. On March 23, our Elementary Archery Team made the trip to Champagne, IL for State Archery. The entire team shot incredibly well finishing the day as the top team in the state with an overall score of 2965. Cole Schoenhard, one of our 4th grade students, even came away as the overall champion shooting an impressive 272. A huge shout out to our terrific coaches and archers for this accomplishment.

The spring Book Fair was held on February 28 and 29 during our spring Parent-Teacher conferences. Mrs. Ward did a great job coordinating the fair and sold \$4088.44 worth of items. It was decided to utilize Scholastic Dollars as our form of payment (we get more “bang for our buck” this way), and received a total of \$2450.06 as our Scholastic Dollars profit which is funding the purchase of books for classrooms, the library, and for students to have for summer reading. Thanks again to Mrs. Ward for coordinating the fair so seamlessly.

**4.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal,**

Archery had a good State Meet. The Elementary Team qualified for Nationals, as well as a few individuals from the Junior High and High School. Nationals will be May 10-11 in Nashville. All of the Spring teams are now starting to get games/meets in with the better weather.

Junior High will be completed with the IAR and Science testing on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The High School took the SAT and PSAT on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the Science test in the next two weeks, which will complete the State Testing for the school year.

Prom will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Dance will be held at the Dubuque Shooting Society and After Prom will follow here at the HS/JH. The East Dubuque and Menominee/Dunleith Fire Departments have been planning and we will be holding the Mock Accident Drill with our High School students on the afternoon of Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students were involved in a community cleanup where they went to some people’s homes, parks and a few roads and helped clean up the areas of debris, garbage and clutter.

Projected Enrollment: (As of April 11, 2024)

Grade	Students		(Totals)		
			August 23	March 24	
7	38				
8	48				
9	45	7-8	85	86	86
10	45	9-12	182	175	173
11	45	Total 7-12	267	261	259
12	38				

**4.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent,**

**Maintenance-From Grover:** Weather has not been nice to us the last part of March and the first part of April so far. Field work and other outside work has been rough and been postponed until we can get some nicer temps. Some plumbing projects were completed over the short spring break.

Changes were finished up that needed to be done to the building for the HLS/Fire Marshal inspection. There is a walk through planned with the Principals and the Superintendent to see what upgrades and work that needs to be done over the summer break.

The maintenance staff evaluations have been completed.

**Transportation- From Jeff:** Illinois is assisting the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a national survey to document illegal passing of school buses. The data will help improve safety countermeasures at the state and national level. On Thursday, April 18, 2024, our district’s school bus operators will observe and report any instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses.

We are doing our best to keep up with spring sports and the weather. Scheduling and transporting the tri-op track team takes an enormous amount of time and resources with the transportation directors of all three schools meeting weekly, most weeks more, to organize the many facets of the constantly changing schedule.

We are looking at getting another van or SUV as the NWSE van is up to 160,000 miles and the other two vans are approaching 100k miles.

We had three administrators head to Lena for Initial Bus Driver training on April 13<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of gaining their CDL and bus permit.

**Safety and Security:** No report this month as Nate is student teaching at the Elementary School.

**Superintendent:** The Strategic Planning meeting tonight will be after the regular board meeting. I have sent you the plan that was created in the '18-'19 school year. Please take a look at that document for the meeting. Grover and I met with the Buildings and Grounds committee a few months ago to start discussing options moving forward. We have a list of projects that we are considering. We also discussed the possibility of bonding for money for a few smaller projects prior to trying to do any moving of students. We have the capacity to bond, if we want to, anywhere up to \$4M. We will discuss further at the strategic planning meeting.

I am requesting to the board the purchase of a new vehicle. One of our vans is going under so we would like to purchase a car instead. This will allow for better gas mileage and safety for the vehicle that many teachers and coaches will use for fewer passengers. Many of our coaches now take two vehicles on trips as opposed to one bus. This helps offset costs.

5. **New Business**

- 5.1. Sendt moved to approve summer help with a second by Dalberg. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.
- 5.2. Moved to Executive Session
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- 5.4. Moved to Executive Session
- 5.5. Sendt moved to approve summer work hours to 4, 10 hour days starting the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a second by Nelson. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.
- 5.6. Dalberg moved to approve joining the NW Illinois Pathway Exploration Project with other School Districts with a second by Sendt. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.
- 5.7. Sendt moved to authorize a purchase of a vehicle up to \$35,000 with a second by Poulton. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0. The purchase will be for a 2021 Chevy Blazer for \$23,000 from Runde Chevrolet.
- 5.8. Kussmaul moved to approve the contract extension with Benning Group seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

6. **Personnel**

Sendt made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented with a second by Schauer. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **Executive Session**

Dalberg moved to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment and dismissal of employees of the public body or legal counsel of the public body. Public bodies may also discuss the compensation, discipline and performance of specific employees or legal counsel in closed sessions. The act also permits closed meetings to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel to determine its validity (Action Item 8.3). Pursuant to Section (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act [5ILCS120/2(c)(1)]: it was seconded by Sendt. The motion carried 7-0. The Board entered executive session at 6:31pm.

Sendt moved to return to open session. It was seconded by Dalberg and the motion carried 7-0 with the board returning to open session at 6:50pm.

Items to come from the executive session are as follows.

Dalberg moved to approve non-certified 2024-2025 wage increases with a second by Sendt. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Sendt moved to approve Administrators 2024-2025 salary increases with a second by Nelson. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Dalberg moved to approve Directors 2024-2025 salary increases with a second by Sendt. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

8. **President's Prerogative**

President Foote took this time to thank the Booster Club for all of their hard work on the auction this year. It was a great turn out and a huge thank you to our community for their donations to the auction. He also wanted to mention the passing of retired teacher and coach Mr. Will Runde. He taught many years at EDHS and taught many parents and their children.

9. **Adjourn**


Nelson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Sendt. Motion carried 7-0 and meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Signed:**



**Glen Foote, President**

**Attest:**



**Don Kussmaul, Secretary**