

Minutes of Board Meeting

Regular HS/JH Library October 17, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Kind of Meeting **Place** **Date** **Time**

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Don Kussmaul, President	
Glen Foote, Vice President	
Donna Quinn, Secretary	
Daniel Dalberg	
DJ Loeffelholz	
David Sendt	
Terry Schulting	
Others Present:	
TJ Potts, Superintendent	
Darren Sirianni, HS/JH Principal	
Wes Heiar, Elementary Principal	
Sherry Kaiser, Food Service Director	
Jeff Weydert, Transportation Director	
Grover Priebe, Buildings & Grounds Director	

1. Call to Order

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, with 7 members present and 0 members absent. President Kussmaul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge to the flag was given.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Sendt moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held September 19, 2018, Regular Meeting held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 and the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held September 26, 2018 ; approval of bills in the amount of \$130,072.03, Imprest in the amount of \$7,213.00, District Activity Account in the amount of \$29,822.51, EFT in the amount of \$119,305.58, Payroll Bills in the amount of \$60,153.89; Approval of the September 2018 Treasurer's Report, Concur with suspensions: #101118JV, #092718CF, #092718MH, and #100918DM.

On a second from Loeffelholz, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Loeffelholz aye, Foote aye, Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Sendt aye, and Quinn aye.

3. **Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence** – Mrs. Flynn and Ms. McNaught presented to the board the results of the choir and band IMEA auditions.
The following students have been chosen to perform:

Jr Mixed Chorus - Liam Thumser, Madeline Heitkamp, Megan Anger, Marissa Tibbetts

Jr High Band - James Degenhardt, Jeremiah Haven, Wil Quinn

Sr. Chorus - Jonathon Haven, Thomas Liddle, Mia Schemmel

Mrs. Nieland commented on the kindness she witnessed at the elementary school during the un-announced fire drill. The sixth grade students helped the preschool students without prior instruction and made sure the younger students made it safely to their designated area.

4. **Information, Staff Reports and Proposals**

- 4.1 Student Ambassadors – Students unable to present due to volleyball and prior engagements
- 4.2 Board Committee Reports – The Building & Grounds Committee met on September 26, 2018 to review the solar information. The specifics of this meeting were discussed later in the meeting.
- 4.2 Food Service- Sherry Kaiser reported that the percentages for free and reduced-price lunch has remained the same for the month of September at 30% district-wide.

The 30-day carry-over period expired on October 10, 2018, at which time 12 families (17 students) were changed to full paid status due to not submitting a new application for the 2018-2019 school year. Letters were sent home in advance to remind families of the deadline.

Mrs. Kaiser informed the board that applications are accepted at any time throughout the school year and that the decrease in need is likely due to the improved economy.

- 4.3 Transportation-Jeff Weydert reported that the district added another bus route to transport student's home from the Warrior Hour program on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Weydert updated the board on the arrival of the new activity bus. The graphics were approved on October 2, 2018 and the bus should be arriving soon.

Two bus drivers will be retiring at the end of the school year. The transportation department is still looking for drivers to fill vacancies.

- 4.4 Buildings & Grounds – Grover Priebe reported that the sprinkler system at the high school was tested on October 11, 2018 and passed inspection.

Staff will be winterizing the concession stands and aerating all of the fields following the last home football game.

The ROE and Fire Marshall Inspection took place on Monday, October 15, 2018. They voiced their pleasure of the district visit and were impressed with the level of record keeping done by the department. Mr. Priebe will share the final report with the Superintendent and Building Principals.

- 4.5 HS/JH Principal- Mr. Sirianni reported that the High School students have been busy with Homecoming activities. The student council organized activities each afternoon, including the annual tug-of-war and adding the boy's class volleyball tournament and the girl's class powderpuff football game. The Cheer squad organized a pep rally to cap things off on Friday. The parade was held on Friday afternoon and the dance Saturday night.

Mr. Sirianni reiterated that P/T Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 24th and Friday, October 26th. Junior High students and parents will be meeting with groups of 3 staff for 10 minute conferences. High school conferences will be held in 10 minute intervals with parents meeting with individual teachers.

Enrollment for Fall 2018: (as of October 11, 2018)

Grade	Students		May	September	October
7	38	(Totals)			
8	60				
9	59	7-8	111	97	98
10	49	9-12	214	219	219
11	54	Total 7-12	325	316	317
12	57				

- 4.6 Elementary Principal- Mr. Heiar reported the PTO raised \$638.24 from the Culvers Night in Galena. The proceeds will be invested back into student needs throughout the

building. 48 students qualified to ride the party bus from the elementary school to Culvers, where families joined them to celebrate.

Mr. Heiar recognized Abby Edge and all of the PTO volunteers for their fundraising efforts. All the purchased items have been picked up and prizes given to students. Over \$11,000 has been raised this year.

Mr. Heiar and the elementary school staff are developing an Educational Skills Management (ESM) Program utilizing current special education teachers lead by Tracy Edwards. Tracy has completed a couple of site visits, refined the curriculum (movement based), and developed a leveled behavior system to assist these learners. Students will transition into this program over the next weeks.

Enrollment for Fall 2018:

Grade	<u>July</u>	<u>October</u>
PreK	58	58
Kindergarten	45	47
1st	36	40
2nd	31	40
3rd	42	44
4th	40	40
5th	41	42
6th	45	45

- 4.7 Superintendent Potts reported on Eliminating Barriers to Learning. Part of what we as a district try to do is eliminate any barrier we can for kids to not only participate in school, but any of the activities that they would like to be a part of. There are very dedicated individuals in the district that want to eliminate these barriers. Some examples may be rides home after practice, time to study after school, teacher tutoring, etc. This will continue to be an area discussed as student/family needs continue.

Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirianni and Mr. Heiar met with Rick Haber from TC Networks to discuss the services they can provide for us and cost comparisons to QNS. TC Networks will do an assessment of our infrastructure on November 16, 2018.

The district is looking into new payroll and accounting software. Mrs. Barklow attended a presentation in Lena on October 11, 2018 and has contacted SDS to present on November 13, 2018 which will also include other districts in our area and the ROE.

5. Old Business

- 5.1 Mediacom Update – We have a contract with Mediacom to begin upon the completion of their initial assessment and rollover from Frontier.
- 5.2 Health Insurance Meetings - Mr. Potts will be meeting with Chance Oster from Kunkel on October 23, 2018 and Scott Warren from HMBenefits on November 2, 2018. The purpose of the meetings is to look at options for the district in regards to Health

Insurance. This was discussed as a group of Superintendents at the Northwest Board meeting as the NW academy is looking to join with a district.

- 5.3 Board Retreat – Mr. Potts announced that the Board Retreat will be held on October 28, 2018 at the high school from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Sendt moved to approve the Destruction of Executive Session recordings of March 15, 2017 Collective Bargaining Meeting and March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting. On a second by Quinn, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Foote aye Loeffelholz aye, Dalberg aye, Sendt aye, Quinn aye, and Schulting aye.
- 6.2 Dalberg moved to approve the proposal by Eagle Point Solar. On a second by Foote, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Dalberg aye, Foote aye Loeffelholz aye, Kussmaul aye, Quinn aye Sendt aye, and Schulting aye.
- 6.3 Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirianni and Mr. Heiar presented the assessments that are used in the East Dubuque School District and how it affects the Illinois Report Card. More information will be shared next month when the report card is released for all.
- 6.4 FOIA Request – Smart Procurement
- 6.5 Other New Business – none

7. President's Perogative

President Kussmaul reiterated the upcoming Board Retreat on October 28, 2018 at the high school and the School Board Regional meeting on October 29, 2018 in Meridian, IL

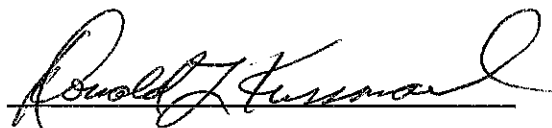
8. Adjourn

Motion by Sendt to adjourn. On a second from Schulting, the motion carried on a voice vote 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Dalberg aye, Foote aye, Loeffelholz aye, Sendt aye, Schulting aye, Quinn aye and Kussmaul aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Signed:

Attest:



Don Kussmaul, President



Donna Quinn, Secretary