

Minutes of Board Meeting

Regular
Kind of Meeting

HS/JH Library
Place

February 20, 2019
Date

6:00 p.m.
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	
Grover Priebe, Buildings & Grounds Director	

1. Call to Order

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, with 6 members present and 1 member absent. President Kussmaul called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The pledge to the flag was given.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Foote moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 9, 2019 and Regular Meeting held Wednesday, January 16, 2019; approval of bills in the amount of \$73,011.48, Imprest in the amount of \$5,349.00, District Activity Account in the amount of \$27,088.60, EFT in the amount of \$137,666.38 and Payroll Bills in the amount of \$70,494.84; Approval of the January 2019 Treasurer's Report, Concur with suspensions: None.

On a second from Loeffelholz, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Foote aye, Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Loeffelholz aye and Quinn aye.

3. **Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**

3.1 Paige Johnston, East Dubuque high school student updated the board on her Blessing Bags program. The program helped 5 non-profit organizations distribute over 200 blessing bags to individuals in need.

Brandon Tashner, Boys varsity baseball coach requested an overnight trip for team to travel to Macomb, IL from Friday, March 22nd through Sunday, March 24, 2019. The cost of the trip will be paid for by players and the school activity fund.

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

4.1 Student Ambassadors

Mia Schemmel, EDHS Senior, reported that the junior high play "Penny Dreadfulls" is scheduled for March 8, 2019. One of the HS teams placed first at the Battle of the Books competition for the third year in a row. Ryan Turner placed first and Edward Paulson placed third in the WYSE physics competition. Ryan will move on to sectionals on March 14, 2019. East Dubuque HS/JH hosted the Masonic bowl on February 16, 2019. Tristan Obebroeckling was 2nd chair bass clarinet at the UW-Platteville Honors Band performance.

Alice Lundh reported that Ryan Turner will advance to the WYSE Sectional Competition on March 14th at Northern Illinois University.

Sally Sirianni reported that on behalf of the student council. A donation was made to the Iowa Donor Network in honor of Cecelia Monahan, a former bus driver

4.2 Board Committee Reports – None.

4.3 HS/JH Principal- Mr. Sirianni reported that Mrs. Kenkel and 16 high school students participated in the Battle of the Books competition at Senior HS on Thursday, February 14th. East Dubuque had three teams of students entered and one team finished in 1st place and another team in 4th place. This is the third year participating in this event and an East Dubuque team has taken 1st place each year.

East Dubuque will be hosting the Boys Basketball Sectionals the week of February 25th – March 1st.

Two East Dubuque students, Thomas Liddle and Tristan Oberbroeckling were selected to participate in the UW-Platteville Honors Band. They will have one full day working with guest directors and practicing and on day two they will perform with the large group. Thank you to Ms. McNaught for helping to make this possible!

Standardized testing will begin in March. During March and April. All junior high students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), which replaces the PARCC assessment of the past few years. All 8th graders and Biology students will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment. All 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9, 10th grade will take the PSAT 10 and 11th graders will be taking the SAT.

Enrollment for fall 2018: (as of February 12, 2019)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Students</u>		<u>May</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
7	37	(Totals)			
8	60				
9	57	7-8	111	97	97
10	49	9-12	214	217	210
11	52	Total 7-12	325	313	307
12	52 (5 seniors graduated at Semester)				

- 4.4 Elementary Principal- Mr. Heiar reported that the Text Leveling Process is underway for all kindergarten students with the help of Sandy Luchterhand and Suzanne Ward. We will use this data to track each students' comprehension and fluency throughout their years at ED Elementary. This is a national assessment and will provide a consistent measurement of our students reading skills compared to others throughout the country.

Thank you to the PTO for the purchase of new chromebooks and a cart for the elementary building. The PTO also has two upcoming events; Bingo for Books on February 28th and a fundraiser at Vertical Jump in Dubuque on March 12th.

The implementation of the new Educational Skills Management (ESM) classroom has progressed and behavior referrals and restraints have decreased for the students enrolled in the program. Ms. Edwards, her para-professionals and other service providers have been able to consistently focus on improving these students' academic skills while tending to their social emotional needs.

- 4.5 Superintendent Potts reported that the maintenance team is ready for the Eagle Point Solar project to get started.

Jeff Weydert, Transportation Director has attended the webinar on MAP-21, which is the new federal law effective February 2020 pertaining to training new bus drivers. Additional training will be needed to become a certified trainer. The new law will only affect drivers hired after to 2/8/2020.

Both kitchens received the second health inspection of the school year. There were a couple of minor areas that needed improvement. All issues have been corrected, additional training has been implemented and procedures have been updated.

Mr. Potts has met with all three technology companies (QNS, TC Networks and MBP) a second time and will send each company a list of questions in regards to how they will serve us and the cost of their services.

The referendum information campaign meetings have been great and there is a lot of energy around the room devoted to this campaign. Information will be sent out daily.

5. Old Business

- 5.1 Eagle Point Solar – Mr. Potts informed the board that a copy of the contract is in board packets.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Quinn moved to approve the destruction of minutes from the June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting and June 28, 2017 Special Meeting. On a second by Loeffelholz, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Foote aye Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Loeffelholz aye, and Quinn aye.
- 6.2 Set Calendar Committee meeting for February 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Committee members include Loeffelholz, Quinn and Schulting.
- 6.3 Mr. Potts has sent three possible 2019-2020 calendar options to all families and staff for input. Results will be taken back to the committee for review at the March 13, 2019 Calendar Committee meeting.
- 6.4 The Policy Committee meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Committee members include Kussmaul, Loeffelholz and Sendt.
- 6.5 Health Insurance options will be discussed during the April 10, 2019 Finance Committee meeting. Kunkel and Associates and the local co-op will make presentations at the meeting.
- 6.6 Other New Business – None

7. Personnel

- 7.1 Foote moved to accept the resignation of Kim Brown-Ubersox. On a second by Quinn, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Loeffelholz aye, Dalberg aye, Foote aye, Kussmaul aye, Schulting aye and Quinn aye.

7.2 Dalberg moved to hire Krista Walsh as Paraprofessional. On a second by Loeffelholz, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Loeffelholz aye, Dalberg aye, Foote aye, Kussmaul aye, Schulting aye and Quinn aye.

7.3 Foote moved to hire Colton Johnson as Assistant HS Track Coach. On a second by Schulting, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Loeffelholz aye, Dalberg aye, Foote aye, Kussmaul aye, Schulting aye and Quinn aye.

8. **Executive Session**

8.1 Superintendent Evaluation

Schulting moved to enter into executive session. On a second by Dalberg, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Foote aye, Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Loeffelholz aye and Quinn aye.

The Board entered executive session at 7:04 p.m.

Dalberg moved to return to open session. On a second by Schulting, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Kussmaul aye, Foote aye, Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Loeffelholz aye and Quinn aye.

The Board returned to open session at 7:27 p.m.

9. **President's Perogative**

President Kussmaul congratulated Coach Miller on Victory #300

Loeffelholz commended the administrative team on a great job and for looking at ways to re-invest into the district.

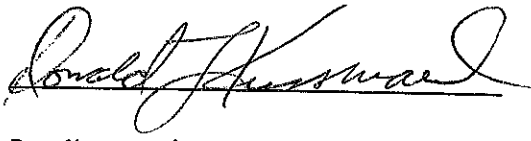
9. **Adjourn**

Motion by Schulting to adjourn. On a second from Dalberg, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Dalberg aye, Schulting aye, Loeffelholz aye, Foote aye, Quinn aye and Kussmaul aye.

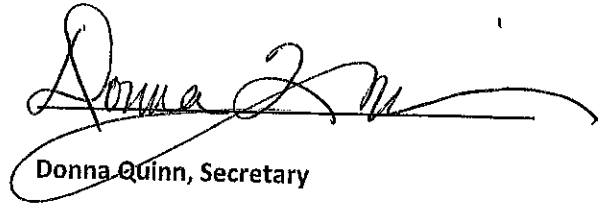
The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Signed:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Kussmaul".

Don Kussmaul, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna Quinn".

Donna Quinn, Secretary