

**EASTERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Brad Bapst called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Pledge and Prayer**

Mr. Bapst led the Pledge and Mrs. Micki Atkins led the Prayer

**Roll Call**

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| Mr. Brad Bapst    | Present |
| Mrs. Debra Hannah | Present |
| Mrs. Micki Atkins | Present |
| Mr. Frank Bevins  | Present |
| Mr. Mike Rowe     | Present |

**Consent Items**

- A. Adoption of Agenda
- B. Adoption of the Minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> Organizational and Regular Meeting
- C. Acceptance of the January Financial Reports

Mr. Bevins moved and Mr. Rowe seconded to bundle and approve the consent items.

Discussion: Mrs. Atkins asked if all the bus drivers have phones on the busses. Mrs. Clark explained that most have their own phones except for three or four of them.

Vote:

Mrs. Hannah-Yes   Mrs. Atkins-Yes   Mr. Bevins-Yes   Mr. Rowe-Yes   Mr. Bapst-Yes

**Moment of Excellence**

Superintendent Mr. Neil Leist discussed the Chinese Student Contract stating that for each student that comes to Southern Ohio, Eastern Local School District will receive \$1,000 per student for each year that they are here and the District will also receive an additional \$10,000 for each student that enrolls to Eastern. Mr. Leist stated that the Chinese program representatives will be coming to Eastern for a press conference on February 20<sup>th</sup> along with South Webster Local School District. Mr. Leist stated that Eastern and South Webster are the first two schools to get 10 kids. Mr. Rowe asked about host families and Mr. Leist responded saying that there are four families that are interested as of now.

**Public Participation**

None

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**Board Reports**

Mr. Bevins, Secondary Principal Matt Hines, Mrs. Atkins, and Mr. Leist discussed the progress of state legislation for make-up of school year 2014 calamity days and excusing seniors from making-up days after graduation. Mrs. Atkins stated that the committee will be come out tomorrow.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Atkins stated that the light on the digital sign in front of building is not always working. Mr. Leist explained that administration is monitoring the problem.

Mrs. Atkins asked if the new snow removal equipment has been beneficial and Mr. Leist explained that the custodians are very happy with the equipment and it's been great for clearing ice and snow from the parking lots.

**New Business**

The next regular meeting will be held March 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the platform room.

Mr. Leist reported on three bid proposals from contractors for the construction of bleachers at the football field. A meeting is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> with the contractors who have submitted bids.

Mr. Leist stated that he will be touring the Thomas Bus factory February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Leist stated that at the next board meeting he will discuss two teachers and possibly a custodian retiring and will also discuss his own retirement.

Mrs. Atkins asked if it's been determined when Eastern will make-up calamity days for this school year. Mr. Leist explained that the Pike County Superintendents asked the committee to look at April 21<sup>st</sup> as a make-up with the remaining days made-up and the end of the school year. Mr. Leist discussed the situation about calling off school and stated that he and Mrs. Clark will meet with the bus drivers to make a list of roads that will not be traveled during inclement weather in the near future.

Mrs. Atkins asked about the fall Parent Teacher Conference and stated that she would rather see them held prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the school year. Mr. Bevins asked about the food bills at Mathews Grocery and asked why they were so high. Mrs. Clark explained that some of the items from Mathews' are for the cafeteria and other items are for dinners hosted by the board, administrators and teachers. Mr. Rowe discussed that the scoreboards in the High School and Middle School gymnasiums are getting old and sometimes not working properly maybe we should consider replacing them. Mr. Bevins girls softball practicing in the gymnasium.

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**New Business (Continued)**

Mr. Bapst stated that he attended the Pike County Chamber of Commerce meeting. Also attending the meeting was Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Mr. John Carey who asked Mr. Leist about the Chinese project.

The Board discussed that it would be beneficial to the District to become a member of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

**Administrative Reports**

Grades 6-12 Principal, Mr. Matt Hines, reported that the Middle and High school basketball tournament brackets are available, that the sophomores will be attending the CTC for hands on day, that he will be submitting the Reds straight A average ticket information this week, that he will be attending a 21<sup>st</sup> century grant meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, that Marshall University's Honor Band will be coming up and the District Honor Band March 28<sup>th</sup>, that the Middle School Science Fair will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, that there was a financial aid meeting a few weeks ago for students and their parents with a representative from OUC, that Mr. Joe Triplett will be volunteering his time to work with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on computer skills, that there will be a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade softball team this year with Alecia Dixon coaching and they will compete with teams from Ross, Pike, and Scioto counties, and that Mr. Jonas and himself attended a "STRATIGT A Fund" grant funding meeting and Mr. Jonas will be taking classes that will allow him to teach dual credit math in the high school next year.

Grades K-5 Principal, Mrs. Pam Brown reported that, due to calamity days, she is a little behind on second rounds of teacher evaluations, that the science fair was rescheduled, that the mobile dentistry program will be February 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, that the Valentine's Day parties will be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, that SOMC will be here to present a Smoke Free Program Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, that there will be an early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. on February 28<sup>th</sup>, that Mike Kinnamon from the State Support Team will visit grades k-5 for TBT meetings on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>, that Dr. Seuss Day will be on March 4<sup>th</sup>, that Spring Pictures will be taken Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and that eTPES training will be Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Item**

**Approve Transportation Reimbursement**

Treasurer Mr. Rodney Schilling recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education contract with Margaret Gambill to receive payment of \$10.00 per diem to transport her children to and from school.

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mrs. Hannah seconded to approve the Treasurer's item.

Discussion: None

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Vote:

Mrs. Atkins-Yes Mr. Bevins-Yes Mr. Rowe-Yes Mr. Bapst-Yes Mrs. Hannah-Yes

**Superintendent's Items**

**Approve Licensed Substitutes**

Superintendent Mr. Neil Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2013-14 school year:

Erica Detty Sara Finch Kylie Lemaster Brandon Park Mark Virgin Erin Sommers

Ralph Beann Mary Houk Beckah Williams

Mrs. Hannah moved and Mr. Bevins seconded to approve the Superintendent's item.

Discussion: None

Vote:

Mr. Bevins-Yes Mr. Rowe-Yes Mr. Bapst-Yes Mrs. Hannah-Yes Mrs. Atkins-Yes

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mrs. Hannah seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote:

Mr. Rowe-Yes Mr. Bapst-Yes Mrs. Hannah-Yes Mrs. Atkins-Yes Mr. Bevins-Yes