

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

Call to Order

Mr. Brad Bapst called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Pledge and Prayer

Mr. Bapst led the Pledge and Mrs. 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 February 10th Regular Meeting
- C. Acceptance of the February Financial Reports

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

Vote:

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

Moment of Excellence

Secondary Principal Mr. Matt Hines recognized the winners of the Pike County Spelling Bee, Jimmy Pennington 3rd place winner and Kathlena Broughton 1st place winner.

Elementary Principal Mrs. Pam Brown recognized the Science Fair winner 5th grader Skylar White who will advance to the District level, Fourth graders Abby and Addison Cochenour, Brayden Williams, and Kyla Poorman, and 3rd grader Sofia Salisbury won Best of Show.

Public Participation

Parent Mrs. Christina Logan asked the Board why blizzard bags were not being used to make-up calamity days. Superintendent Mr. Neil Leist responded that he was not in favor of blizzard bags because of the remedial homework that is usually assigned and it most beneficial to the students if they are physically in the classroom to make-up calamity days. Mrs. Logan stated that she understands Mr. Leist's position on blizzard bags, but explained that at New Boston where she is a teacher, blizzard bags were utilized and included work to prepare the students for OAA tests. Also, a survey was conducted at New Boston to see how many students had access to the internet outside of school and 98% responded that they do have access. Mrs. Logan also expressed her concern that

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Eastern Local School District does not utilize resources that the school pays for such as the school web-site and progress book which keeps parents aware of assignments, student progress, grades, attendance, and teacher comments. Mrs. Logan stated that her children should get the best education possible and she will do what it takes to see that they get it. Mrs. Logan stated that Eastern students do not have access to AR tests at home and wants to know why they don't have 24-hour access. Mr. Hines stated that AR testing has been restricted because of students cheating and lack of security.

Parent Mrs. Cheryl Overly stated her concern was graduation and asked if it was still the same date of May 25th and Mr. Hines stated that he would like to keep it the same but waiting for legislative decision on Wednesday. Mrs. Atkins stated that they haven't changed the graduation date. Mrs. Overly wanted to invite the Board to the Honor Band concert on March 30th at Waverly High School. Mr. Leist asked Mrs. Overly about appointing someone for the Park Board. Mrs. Overly stated that at Parent/Teacher Conferences some of the teachers talked about it being a joke of who was going to be next to talk to the them and she stated that it was rude of them to say that and it was heard from a teacher that was in the teacher's lounge and stated that it was very disrespectful.

Board Reports

Mrs. Atkins stated that she wants to use the blizzard bags and likes the idea of using OAA test preparation questions.

Mr. Bevins stated that the House and Senate will be voting on make-up of calamity days on Wednesday.

Old Business

Mrs. Atkins asked that if adding thirty minutes to the school day is an option for making-up calamity days does the board need to adopt a resolution? Mr. Leist responded that he intends to add that option to his recommendations on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Bevins asked if we had a quote for new scoreboards for the gymnasiums and has heard positive feedback on scoreboards installed by Daktronics at other schools. Mr. Hines responded that we have a quote from Daktronics of around \$8,000 to install new scoreboards in the high school gymnasium and \$6,000 for the middle school gymnasium plus some additional electrical work.

Mr. Bevins asked about the progress of new football bleachers. Mr. Leist responded that he has been in contact with First National Bank and they proposed two options for assisting with the cost of the bleachers, and progress has slowed down due to the requirement to advertise for bids on the project.

Mr. Leist stated that the outside sign will get checked out by Shawn Willis when weather permits.

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New Business

The next regular meeting will be held April 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the platform room.

Mr. Bapst set a planning meeting for May 5th @ 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Atkins asked for a new Board roster and Treasurer Mr. Rodney Schilling stated that they are updated and he will get them out to the board soon.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Matt Hines, 6-12 Principal, reported that OGT Testing will take place this week, that the middle school movie reward trip will be taking place on Wednesday March 12th for students who qualify, that Mrs. Garrison's homeroom will be enjoying a pizza party tomorrow courtesy of student council for their door decorating during the homecoming week, that the district science fair will be on March 29th and 3 Eastern students will be participating, that the middle school quiz bowl teams have been doing great this year and their competitions will be coming up soon on the 18th for 6th grade and the 20th for 7/8 grade, that we are in the process of applying for the 21st century grant again, that our band students have been working very hard and they will be having district honors band at Waverly on the 30th of March, that on March 17th will be Terra- Nova Testing for grades 6-12 for OTE SGM, that the winter sports banquet will be on March 17th, that we have great numbers for Spring Sports with 15-17 for baseball and softball players and more participants for junior high and high school track, that the ASVAB testing for 11th and 12th graders will be March 31st, that Kathlena Broughton won 1st place at the county spelling Bee and Jimmy Pennington placed 3rd, that spring sport pictures will be on March 19th, that spring pictures will be on March 25th, that we are still waiting on pending legislation about graduation ceremonies if the date needs changed due to make-up of calamity days, that Mr. Triplett is still volunteering with middle school kids on computer skills and formatting during advisor advisee period, and that next year we are wanting to do an afterschool technology club.

Mrs. Pam Brown, K-5 Principal, reported on the grades 3-5 Science Fair winners who will advance to the district science fair on March 29th, winners are Skylar White (Grade 5), Abby Cochenour (Grade 4), Addison Cochenour (Grade 4), Brayden Williams (Grade 4), Kyla Poorman (Grade 4), Sofia Salisbury (Grade 3). Mrs. Brown also reported that Mike Kinnamon visited TBT meetings, that Terra Nova Make-up Testing is being completed this week for grades 2-5, that Autumn Risner, Cheryl Selbee, Matt Hines, and herself will be attending a Handle w/ Care Restraint Recertification training on March 24th, that she and Mr. Leist will be traveling to Shawnee State University for Career Development Day on March 25th, that Spring Pictures will be on March 25th, that 4th Grade goes to Shriners' Circus on March 28th, that the end of the 3rd nine-weeks grading period has been moved to Friday, April 4th, and that grade cards go home Friday, April 11th.

Programs Director Mrs. Marcia Clark stated that ODE will be coming to audit for the Community Eligibility Option program again and that the district purchased another new bus.

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Treasurer's Items

A. Approve Budget Amendments

Mr. Schilling recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education amend the estimated receipts and appropriations as presented.

• Estimated Receipts –

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>SCC</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 001 | 0000 | General Fund | \$ 46,967.36 |
| 001 | 9194 | School Bus Purchase | \$ 35,134.10 |
| 029 | 9008 | Jack Brunner Memorial Scholarships | \$ 500.00 |
| 506 | 9014 | RTtT | \$ 700.00 |
| 516 | 9014 | FY14 Special Education Grant | \$ 5,102.83 |
| 572 | 9014 | Title I Grant | \$ 7,955.43 |
| 590 | 9014 | FY14 Improving Teacher Quality Grant | \$ 71.02 |
| Total Amendments | | | <u>\$ 96,430.74</u> |
| Amended Total Estimated Receipts | | | <u><u>\$ 10,563,086.78</u></u> |

• Supplemental Amendments/Appropriations –

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>SCC</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 001 | 0000 | General Fund | \$ 19,914.21 |
| 001 | 9194 | School Bus Purchase | \$ 34,000.00 |
| 006 | 0000 | Lunchroom | \$ (2,983.54) |
| 506 | 9014 | RTtT | \$ 700.00 |
| 516 | 9014 | FY14 Special Education Grant | \$ 5,102.83 |
| 572 | 9014 | Title I Grant | \$ 7,955.43 |
| 590 | 9014 | FY14 Improving Teacher Quality Grant | \$ 71.02 |
| | | | <u>\$ 64,759.95</u> |
| Amended Total Appropriations | | | <u><u>\$ 10,499,452.31</u></u> |

B. Approve Amounts and Rates by Budget Commission

Mr. Schilling recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

| | Inside 10 Mill Limit | Outside 10 Mill Limit |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund | 3.6 | 18.90 |
| Bond Retirement | | 2.50 |
| Maintenance Levy | | .50 |

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Treasurer's Items (Continued)

C. Approve Payment for Transportation

Mr. Schilling recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education contract with Peggy Cantrell to receive payment of \$10.00 per diem to transport her grandchildren to and from school for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

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

Discussion: None

Vote:

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

Superintendent's Items

Personnel

1. Approve Non-Certificated Substitute

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve Darryl Rayburn, Stacey Phillips and Patricia Golden as non-certificated substitutes to be used on an as need basis for custodial work for the 2013-14 school year contingent upon a successful background check.

2. Accept Coach's Resignation

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education accept the resignation of Janet Day as Varsity Volleyball Coach.

3. Employ Varsity Volleyball Coach

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education employ April Davis (Roberts) as Varsity Volleyball Coach and to be put on the salary schedule as a Step 2.

4. Accept Resignation

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education accept the resignation of Sally Byler, 4th grade teacher for the purpose of retirement effective February 28, 2015.

5. Accept Resignation

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education accept the resignation of Robert Day, Middle School teacher for the purpose of retirement effective February 28, 2015.

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Superintendent's Items (Continued)

Personnel (Continued)

6. Accept Resignation

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education accept the resignation of Neil Leist, Superintendent for the purpose of retirement effective January 31, 2015.

7. Approve Licensed Substitutes

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve Gage Mills and Tyler Jimison as substitutes for the 2013-14 school year and to be used on an as needed basis.

8. Approve Volunteer Assistants

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve John and Rachel Staker as volunteer assistants for the 2013-14 softball season.

9. Approve Supplemental Position

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve Stacy Garrison for for the supplemental position as Drama Club Advisor for the 2013-14 school year.

Mr. Rowe moved and Mrs. Hannah seconded to approve the Superintendents personnel items.

Discussion: Mrs. Atkins asked if there will be a play in the spring and Mr. Hines responded yes. Mrs. Atkins asked if teachers retiring are using sick days next school year to get 120 days in and Mr. Leist responded yes.

Vote:

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

Superintendent's Items

A. Non-Personnel

1. Approve Calendar

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year as presented:

2. Approve Snow Make-up Day

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve the snow make-up day on Monday, April 21, 2014 and to add 30 minutes to each school day.

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Mr. Bevins moved and Mr. Rowe seconded to approve the Superintendent's non-personnel items.

Discussion: Mrs. Atkins stated that the district should make-up two days by using the blizzard bags and Mr. Rowe stated that the district should wait for the Governor to sign the bill about adding the 30 minutes to the day.

Vote:

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

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mrs. Hannah seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote:

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