

**EASTERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2013**

Call to Order

Mrs. Micki Atkins called the planning meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

Roll Call

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| Mrs. Micki Atkins | Present |
| Mr. Brad Bapst | Present |
| Mrs. Debra Hannah | Present |
| Mrs. Valerie Craft | Present |
| Mr. Frank Bevins | Present |

Work Session

Superintendent Neil Leist discussed a business partnership program with Pleasant Hill Manor nursing home in Piketon, Ohio for entry level nursing jobs for Eastern High School students. The program has been introduced to Eastern High School students and 40-50 students signed-up for the program. A representative from Pleasant Hill Manor will be discussing the program details with the students on April 11th and 2 p.m.

Mr. Leist also received a phone call from Holly Doll regarding another possible partnership with Ohio Precious Metals (OPM). OPM is expanding and opening an operation in Waverly to recycle electronic/computer equipment. Mr. Leist contacted the manager of OPM who will oversee the facility to see if a partnership could be initiated. OPM estimates 200 jobs within one year, and 500 jobs within five years. The Jobs will be part-time and internship jobs starting at approximately \$10.50/hr. OPM expressed interest to meet with Mr. Leist next fall to talk with Eastern students about these job opportunities, and give our students a tour of the facility.

Mr. Bapst discussed a potential workforce development program through the OSU Pike County Extension office. He has been working with Pike County Director, Jeff Fisher on a potential vocational agriculture program with hopes that Eastern Local School District would be receptive to such a program. Jeff has been in contact with ODE for assistance with the development of the program. The program would offer basic vocational skills and if initiated would start-up in a few years. Mr. Bapst feels that this is a needed program and would be very beneficial to our students and would teach them basic business skills. Mr. Leist identified the possibility that if we receive 21st Century funds next year that maybe some of the money could be used to start-up the vocational agriculture program. Also, HB59 has language that would give the school an additional \$2,900 per student enrolled in such a program.

Mrs. Atkins asked about negotiations with the unions and which board members will participate. Mr. Leist stated that he has a tentative date of the week of April 8th to start negotiations with ELECTA, and the week of April 15th with SSP. Mr. Bapst and Mrs. Atkins

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will participate on the negotiation team with SSP, and Mrs. Craft and Mr. Bevins will be on the team for ELECTA.

Mr. Bapst discussed a leadership development pilot program that the OSU Endeavor Center would like to start with Eastern Local School district that would focus on entry level worker, job shadowing, internships, transitional work, and professional development. Funding is available to sustain this program through OSU. Mr. Leist added that he has meet with OSU regarding this program and what they want to accomplish through this program is what we have already started working on through business partnerships. OSU will be invited to our business partnership program in October.

Mrs. Atkins stated that Advantage Data Systems is seeking a student to do job shadowing with their company. Mr. Leist responded that he will pass this information along to the High School Principal.

The Board discussed the potential retirement of two secretaries and the programs director. Also discussed the skills needed for the positions and that transitional time is needed for the programs director position.

The Board discussed the option of hiring a computer technology person to replace the current technology person we contract through SCOCA. The Board suggested we continue to contract through SCOCA for the service.

Mrs. Atkins commented on the need to offer an additional business computer class.

Mrs. Atkins commented on the need to utilize more of features of Blackboard and Progressbook. Mr. Leist responded that he will look into it.

The Board discussed that some students seem to be getting a large amount of homework and sometimes “busywork.” Mr. Leist responded that he will talk to the principals about this issue.

Adjournment

Mr. Bevins moved and Mrs. Craft seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.