

**EASTERN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015**

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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 December Regular Meeting
- C. Acceptance of the December Financial Reports

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mr. Bevins seconded to bundle and approve the consent items and move executive session before Superintendents Items.

Vote:

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

Public Participation

5th Grade Teacher Mr. Ray McFarland thanked the Board for the Christmas Bonus and on behalf of the other staff.

A public hearing was held to accept comments on the Board's intent to accept the resignation of Programs Director Marcia Clark for the purpose of retirement and rehire Ms. Clark at the February 17, 2015 regular board meeting. Bus Driver and SSP president John Moore stated that Ms. Clark has done a good job and felt good about working with her and Mr. Leist and stated that there has been a good trust developed with them.

Board Reports

Mrs. Atkins reported that the OSBA Southeast Conference will be held at the Pike County CTC on March 17, 2015 and felt it would be nice if members of the Board could attend; happy hour is at 5:15p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:15p.m.

Mr. Bevins asked Superintendent Neil Leist about a Bill that has been introduced to reduce student state testing time by one-third. Mrs. Atkins commented that the state is trying to combine some of the testing to reduce the amount of time testing the students.

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Old Business

Mr. Bevins reported on his internet research of LED lighting and asked Mr. Leist if LED light fixtures were an option for the football field lighting. LED lighting emits more light, lasts longer, and uses less energy. Mr. Leist responded that he has 3 bids for football field lighting and it appears approximately \$69,000 will be needed for 80ft. metal poles with metal halide light fixtures and \$24,000 from that bidder to install the light poles. Mr. Leist stated that field lighting is important and needed because two teams on next fall's schedule will not play on a Saturday afternoon, and with no lights the games would have to be played at a neutral location. Mr. Leist stated that he has been talking with local resident Dennis Martin to see if he could install the lights at a lower cost than \$24,000. Mr. Leist asked the Board if he could take the next step and ask Treasurer Rodney Schilling to post an official public notice in the newspaper for 2-3 weeks to officially accept bids for the lighting and simultaneously request bids from local banks for banking services and local community support. Mr. Rowe commented that he agrees the lighting is important to the success of the program. Mr. Leist stated that he will be going to the University of Minnesota in a couple of weeks to visit their women's basketball head coach and Eastern graduate Marlene Stollings and talk with her about possibly community support to Eastern Local School District. Mr. Bevins asked Mr. Leist to get more information on the LED lights.

Mrs. Hannah asked if any board members made it to the County Commissioners' meeting about widening Tile Mill Road. Mrs. Hannah said the next meeting is February 23rd at 9:30 a.m. to meet with the commissioners and will be held at the Government Center.

New Business

The next regular meeting will be held February 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the platform room.

Mr. Leist presented board member with a plaque and a picture of the visiting Chinese group for Board Appreciation Month. Mrs. Hannah asked how the Chinese students were doing. Mr. Leist responded by saying that all were doing well except for the youngest female student.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Neil Leist, Superintendent reported that Principal and Coach P.J. Fitch took his team to Columbus for a funeral viewing of a player's grandfather.

Secondary Principal Mr. Matt Hines reported that the County Spelling Bee will be held February 17th, that the school has been working with Ohio Virtual Community School to provide an on-line alternative to ECOT, that the FFA students are selling t-shirts, that he has been busy working on preparing administrative materials for the new performance based assessments which will be starting on February 18th, that the Eastern Middle School Science Fair will be held February 5th, that the Eastern Elementary School Science Fair will be held February 6th, that he will be attending ETPES training for student growth measure for evaluations on February 12th, that the Eastern Middle School Basketball Tournament will be held February 14, 16, 19, and 21st and the teams will be Eastern, Western, Waverly, Green, Jackson and Chillicothe, that on January 10th Mr. Stephan had alumni band and had the largest participation in recent years,

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Administrative Reports (Continued)

that OGT preparation is in full swing for the sophomores and intervention is being provide to the juniors and seniors three times a week at the CTC, that the District Honors Band Audition will be held February 28th and the Concert will be held March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Waverly Auditorium, that on February 9th is Hands on Day for sophomores at the CTC and the Pike County Recovery Council is still doing their series on Drug Awareness and Prevention every Friday with the 8th grade students.

Mr. Hines reported that people who are sixty two and older get into all Eastern athletic events free, and that a Lions Club Spaghetti dinner will be held February 3rd in the cafetorium.

Mr. PJ Fitch, Elementary Principal reported on personnel issues and stated that currently there are three students who are being tested by the school psychologist that may require a full time aide to be assigned to them and currently there are subs aides with each student and are being paid at the sub rate of pay. Mr. Fitch reported that he has received two separate subpoenas requiring the District to turn over all school records and employees notes regarding a parental pick-up issue from November 25, 2014. Mr. Fitch reported that Mr. Leist, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Fitch have been corresponding with the attorney on this matter. Mr. Fitch reported that several staff members attended a training session on PARCC Assessments. Mr. Fitch reported that he and Mr. Allen and Mr. Hines are exploring various building safety trainings.

Mr. Rowe asked about the training on Mr. Fitch's report and asked about safety in the building and asked if parents are checking in at the office and does the security system let anyone know if the doors are not locked and talked about the problem with parents parking in the grass and is always a mud hole and talked about letting student drivers out five minutes earlier to beat busses.

Mr. Fitch reported that each teacher group (first grade, second grade, etc) are working on 1 measurable improvement initiative for the remainder of the school year and the effort is discussed during their teacher based team meetings and that Mr. Fitch is working on an after school tutoring program to assist borderline 3rd grade students with passing the OAA reading. Mr. Fitch reported on Decembers events which included a visit from Santa on December 16th and a movie day was sponsored by the PTO on December 18th and the high school drama put on a skit on December 19th. Mr. Fitch reported that the staff pancake breakfast was held January 15th and the end of 2nd nine weeks was extended until January 23rd and the PTO had no events scheduled for January.

Mr. Bapst reported that he and Mr. Rowe have been in contact with a representative from an Appalachian Partnership program through Jobs Ohio who is interested in starting a pilot program with an area school for a career/workforce development program and informed Mr. Hines that he will probably hear from the representative in the near future about the program.

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Treasurer's Item

Approve Budget Amendment

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

- Supplemental Amendments/Appropriations –

<u>Fund</u>	<u>SCC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	0000	General Fund	\$ 8,969.57
007	9003	Needy Children and Families Grant	\$ 100.00
		Total Amendments	<u>\$ 9,069.57</u>
		Amended Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 11,221,941.60</u>

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

Discussion: None

Vote:

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

Executive Session

Mrs. Atkins moved to enter into executive session for employment of personnel and Mr. Bapst seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote:

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

Entered into executive session at 7:36 p.m. and returned at 8:33 p.m.

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Superintendent's Items

A. Personnel

1. Approve Non-Certificated Substitutes

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve the following as non-certificated substitutes for the 2014-15 school year:

Kara Brunner- Aide, Secretary, Bus Driver-Pending Certification

Anthony Clark- Custodian Kimberly Hodge- Cook, Custodian

Judy Nichols- Aide/Special Needs Sarah Wicker- Aide

Destarti (Star) Ailiff- Aide, Dustin Ailiff- Kitchen

2. Renew Administrators Contract

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education renew a three year contract for Matt Hines, Secondary Principal effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2018.

3. Approve Supplemental Position

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education approve Eric Horton as Varsity boys baseball coach for the 2014-15 season and to be place on the salary scale at Step 0.

4. Employ Supplemental Position

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education employ Scott Tomlison as the Varsity football coach for the 2015-16 school year and to be placed on Step 3 on the salary scale based on the Varsity boys basketball salary scale.

5. Accept Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education accept the resignation of Gary Cantrell for the purpose of retirement effective December 31, 2015.

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mr. Bevins seconded to bundle and approve the Superintendent's Personnel items.

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Superintendent's Items (Continued)

A. Personnel (Continued)

Discussion: Mrs. Atkins asked about Kara Brunner and asked if she was still working full time. Mrs. Atkins asked about Gary Cantrell's retirement.

Vote:

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

B. Non-Personnel

Approve Payment for Transportation

Mr. Leist recommended that the Eastern Local Board of Education contract with Cynthia Grubaugh to receive payment of \$10.00 per diem to transport her daughter Bethanna Cantrell to and from school because of medical reasons.

Mrs. Hannah moved and Mr. Rowe seconded to approve the Superintendent's non-personnel item.

Vote:

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

Adjournment

Mrs. Atkins moved and Mr. Rowe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote:

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