

Date: July 19, 2021

Kind of Meeting
Regular

Where Held
Eastside

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leon Steury, President

Craig Davis, Vice President

Sherri Strock, Secretary

Kelly Brown, Member

Phil Carpenter, Member

Richard Musser, Member

Matthew Snyder, Member - ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Shane E. Conwell, Superintendent

Dawn Mason, Business Manager

Shanna Prough, Parent

Andy Barrand, Press

Daniel Davidhizar, Parent

Kelly Davidhizar, Parent

The Board of School Trustees of the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., on July 19, 2021.

At 7:00 p.m., Leon Steury called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the June 22, 2021, meeting were signed as presented.

Claims were approved and school board members signed the claim docket authorizing the validation of checks.

Contracts were signed as presented.

Phil Carpenter moved to approve a leave request for Dr. Conwell to attend the 2021 National Threat Assessment Conference for Educational Institutions. This conference will address school threat assessment from a prevention and intervention focus with an emphasis on the latest research, legal requirements and overcoming challenges in implementation. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

We received the following resignations and retirement:

- Devin Feagler, Butler Elementary Food Service
- Heather Halferty, Busdriver
- Nate Young, IMPACT Technology
- Elisa Schackow, NEISEC Teacher
- Kendaya Mapes, NEISEC Teacher
- Ted Thompson, Eastside Teacher Aide
- Holly Blomeke, Eastside Teacher
- Greg Hartman, Eastside Teacher will retire December 17, 2021

Dr. Conwell informed the board of the 2022 budget process and that we will be using the same considerations as in the past; low assessed value while using high expenses. The

budget will be ready for board review at the August board meeting where we will ask for permission to advertise. The budget hearing will be scheduled for September and the adoption in October.

Leon Steury signed the Form 9 as an annual requirement. It is each LEA's responsibility to timely and accurate reporting of state, federal and local expenditures as part of the financial process to ensure appropriate reporting of funds at the school building level.

Sherri Strock signed the Annual Financial Report. This report certifies that the report is true and accurate in every respect. It further certifies that all contracts, vouchers and bills for all payments made by the school corporation are in its possession.

Policy changes were presented to either remove obsolete information or further clarify current information. The proposed open enrollment policy was amended to identify how open enrollment students may be refused due previous disciplinary behavior or poor attendance prior to their request to transfer as determined by building and district administration. Phil Carpenter moved to adopt the attached policy changes and amendment. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

The COVID return to in-person instruction plan for the 2021-2022 school year was reviewed. DeKalb Eastern Schools continues to be mindful of guidance from State and Federal agencies and continues to collaborate with the DeKalb County Health Department when determining COVID related protocols. To begin the school year, we will operate under a mask-optional policy for staff and students in schools. Previous social distancing, daily cleanings, sanitation measures, and contact tracing/quarantine protocols will continue with updated and modified variations from last school year. Evolving updates will be posted on our district website and mobile app. Board approval of this COVID return to in-person instruction plan in May allows administration to continue to revise policies and/or mandates, protocols when and where necessary to reflect current federal, state, and local guidance for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Conwell asked to change the October board meeting date from Monday, October 18th, to the following Monday, October 25th, due to Fall Break beginning the week of October 18th. Sherri Strock moved to approve the date change. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Conwell proposed and Sherri Strock moved to adopt the attached new mission/vision statement. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Conwell summarized projects in July. The roof project on the east section of Eastside is making slow and steady progress due to labor and weather conditions, while the roofs at the Old Gym and over the Eastside High School Main Gym are near completion. The transportation department updated three new busses to their fleet, these are equipped with a 360 degree camera view for added safety. The next edition of the district newsletter, *The Blaze*, plans to be delivered next month. The website is also coming along well and is currently in the content-building phase.

Having no further business to come before the board, Craig Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Leon Steury, President

Richard Musser, Member

Craig Davis, Vice-President

Matthew Snyder, Member

Sherri Strock, Secretary

Kelly Brown, Member

Phil Carpenter, Member