

Date: March 18, 2024

Kind of Meeting
Regular

Where Held
Superintendent's Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leon Steury, President

Kelly Brown, Vice President

Sherri Strock, Secretary

Craig Davis, Member

Phil Carpenter, Member

Richard Musser, Member

Matthew Snyder, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Shane Conwell, Superintendent

Dawn Mason, Business Manager

Luke Cooper, Principal

Brennen Kitchen, Principal

Orie Foster, Principal

Becky Yoder, Teacher

Bobbie Thompson, Teacher

Lisa Reinhart, Patron

Lynn Reinhart, Patron

The Board of School Trustees of the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., March 18, 2024.

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

Minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting were signed as presented.

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

We have received the following resignations and retirements:


- Jeff Morr, Theater Manager, will retire July 1, 2024
- Alesia Kaiser, Riverdale Elementary Library Aide, will resign May 23, 2024
- Kristopher Tadsen, Eastside Student Supervisor, resigned February 16, 2024
- Linda Lucarelli, Eastside Food Service worker, resigned February 12, 2024
- Angel Manon, Riverdale Food Service worker, resigned March 8, 2024
- Erin Dirig, NEISEC Bright Horizons, resigned February 27, 2024
- Gretchen Robbins, NEISEC ED Teacher, will resign March 22, 2024
- Kaitlyn Ihrie, NEISEC Teacher, will resign March 21, 2024
- Jamie Leighty, NEISEC Aide, resigned March 8, 2024

The Indiana Department of Education's Early Literacy Achievement Grant was established to reward schools and teachers for improving students' foundational reading skills, as evidenced by IREAD-3 data. Between both elementary schools we have (4) third grade teachers who worked with last year's third graders and administered the IREAD-3 assessment and (10) additional teachers who contributed to last year's 3rd grade IREAD scores by teaching those students at some point K-3. These teachers will receive a one-time stipend provided by State funds. Craig Davis moved to approve the Early Literacy Grant. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.


In lieu of past summer school intervention programs funded by Title I grant funding, efforts will shift beginning next school year to interventions throughout the regular school day and school year by a Reading Specialist. Phil Carpenter moved to approve a Title I Elementary Reading Specialist position beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried. This will go into effect for the 2024-25 school year which means Summer School for this summer will remain the same as in the past.

Phil Carpenter moved to approve the revision of the 2024-25 District Calendar at the request of the Teachers Association. The first teacher day will now become July 30th and the first student day will now become August 1st, which provides a full two-weeks for Spring Break 2025. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Having no further business to come before the board, Matt Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.


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