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| Date: August 21, 2023 | Kind of Meeting Regular | Where Held Superintendent's Office |
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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
- Lynn Reinhart, Patron
- Lisa Reinhart, Patron
- Beth Holman, Patron
- Andy Hill, Parent
- Trisha Hill, Coach
- Jeff Jones, Press
- Heather Hook, Parent
- Amy Prosser, Patron
- Bobbie Thompson, Teacher

The Board of School Trustees of the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., August 21, 2023.

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

Minutes from the July 24, 2023, 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.

We have received the following resignations and one retirement:

- Tabitha Haas, Bus Monitor
- Adam Strong, Eastside Teacher
- Gwyneth Gaston, IMPACT Aide
- Marla Housel, NEISEC Teacher
- McKenna Shaffer, NEISEC Aide
- Annamarie Boits, NEISEC Psychologist
- Jill Ellis, NEISEC Teacher
- Bobbie Moughler, Eastside Teacher will retire June 18, 2024

Craig Davis requested and moved to approve the Superintendent to obtain Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative retention rates. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Phil Carpenter moved to approve future leave requests for the annual National School Board Conference scheduled for April 6-8, 2024 in Louisiana and the National School Superintendent Conference scheduled for February 15-17, 2024 in California. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried. Richard Musser made an additional request and moved to approve the Superintendent to obtain information on the Consortium of State School Boards Association, which is an alternative school board association to the National School Board Association. Both national associations are supported by the Indiana School Boards Association. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Brian Bohlender, Barton Coe Vilamaa, provided updates of the Eastside Multipurpose Student Activity Center project and requested approval of the Design Development Drawings. Following Board discussion Richard Musser moved to approve the Design Development Drawings and authorize Barton Coe Vilamaa to proceed with preparation of the Construction Documents Phase. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

The Board held public hearings on the lease/additional appropriation for the First Mortgage Bond proceeds and on the additional appropriation for the General Obligation Bond proceeds, both of which is how the Eastside Multipurpose Student Activity Center is scheduled to be funded. Jeff Qualkinbush, from Barnes and Thornburg, provided information on the following resolutions: Resolution Confirming Lease and Approving the Issuance of First Mortgage Bonds by the Building Corporation and Related Matters; First Mortgage Bond Additional Appropriation Resolution; Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Related Matters; and General Obligation Bond Additional Appropriation Resolution. After public comment was heard the Public Hearing was closed. Phil Carpenter moved to approve the resolutions as presented. This motion was properly seconded and motion carried.

The attached 2024 budget was reviewed including the notice to taxpayers, bus replacement plan, and anticipated capital expenses. Kelly Brown moved to advertise the 2024 budget as presented. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried. The budget hearing will be in September, followed by adoption in October.

Each year the elementary principals are required to survey their parents to determine if there is enough interest in running a Latch-Key program. Based on the survey, there was not enough interest to provide a Latch-Key program for the two elementary schools during the 2023-24 school year. Phil Carpenter moved to not provide a Latch-Key program again this school year. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

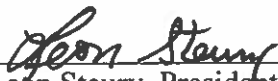
Kelly Brown moved to approve a donation to Impact Institute to receive a donation of Scrap Steel valued at \$9,308.80. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

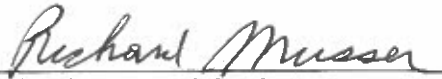
Each principal gave an extra-curricular expense report for each of their schools with a year-end cash balance.

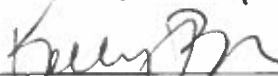
Dr. Conwell informed the Board that a special meeting may be necessary in the upcoming months to be in compliance with Collective Bargaining timelines set forth by statute in recent years.


A patron provided comment to the Board by addressing Board Policy BDA.


Having no further business to come before the board, Matt Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.


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