

ELMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #68

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

via Zoom Meetings

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Wednesday, October 28, 2020 06:00 PM

Call to Order

The Elma School District #68 Board of Directors met in a Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 via Zoom Meetings. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Bernadette Bower at 6:00pm.

Flag Salute

Board Chairperson Bower led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board Chairperson Bower outlined how to comment in the new meeting format prior to roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Bailey, Bernadette Bower, Ryan Cristelli, Stephanie Smith, and Jody Thompson.

STAFF PRESENT: Kendra Dunn, Melinda Tuttle, Becki Spivey, Stacey Rockey, Susan Vento, Michelle Hill, Kim Vest, Liz Farrar, Wendy Beldin, Megan Hinderlie, Jessica Burgher, Marilynn Curl, Julie Crawford, Jamie Jo Hiles, Bethany Grijalva, Erin Walker, Debbie Woodruff, Kari Eaton, Katie Vetter, Kerry Murphy, Laura Nelson, Miranda Conrad, Rob Ohashi, Suzanne Thietje, Theresa Helland, Heather Moore, Bobbi Smith, Carrie Vessey, Deanne Woita, Debi Ohashi, Emily Severs, Haley Gray, Jeri Bogar, Kim Bouchard, Kim Hinderlie, Kim Weld, Kristi Stewart, Lisa Arnold, Maria Cruz, Mary Roberts, Melissa Crisp, Mark Keating, Rich Rasanen, Kaycee Oatman, Emily Bucy, Elizabeth Tarman, Angie Salvaggi, Raquel Cruz, Ariel Finfrock, Sunshine Perry, Denise Boling, Brandi Thomas, Alicia Smith, Caleb Bogar, Shawnie Rakevich, Stacey Trimble, Barb Snyder, Susan Gordon, and Kendis Goldsmith.

GUESTS PRESENT: Alicia Jonsson, Shelley Carter, David, Talonna Hanft, Renee Volz, William McGaffey, Veronica Hatch, Angela Meadows, Hanson, Lacey McMeekin, Laura, Megan, Sarra Burnett, Ryan, T Sanders, Terri Carl, the Monroes, Katie Colette, David Burnett, Johnson's, Mathew Perkinson, Angela Kelly, Ashley Sample, Cristelli, Kelly Monroe, Teresa Hann, Megan Griensewic, and other unnamed community members.

Consent Agenda

Business

- Donation from Elma Flight Foundation of \$10,000 for Block Grant
- Donation from Elma Flight Foundation of \$6,000 for Needy Students
- Donation of School Supplies from Julia Peterson

Personnel

- Hires
- Retirements
- Leave Requests
- Resignations

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2020

Approval of Vouchers

- GF Vouchers: #158867 - #158905 Totaling \$130,785.66
- PPT Voucher: #158864 Totaling \$121.44
- ASB Vouchers: #158865 - #158866 Totaling \$960.08
- Payroll Vouchers: # - # Totaling \$
- GF Voucher: #158906 Totaling \$547.41

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Stephanie Smith to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

Communications and Comments

ETO
EESP
ECOPA
ADMIN

Persons to be Heard

Good News

Reports

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Kevin Acuff shared a note from ECOPA President Julie Zwarun thanking the Board and district for the new contract and MOU that was recently agreed upon. He also informed the Board of a new agreement with the district's insurance agent for the fee assessed by the agent that he signed. He also shared with the Board that the district has had two cases of people on school grounds with Covid19 and shared how the district worked with the county health department to work through these cases, in which both turned out to have no ramifications or others that needed isolation.

Student Representative Report

The student representatives did not attend the meeting.

SEL Report

Social Emotional Learning Committee Member Rob Ohashi reported to the Board about the tools that the committee is using to help students and families, which is DESSA at the elementary, Counselor's Corner at the middle school, and EduGuide at the high school and alternative school. The committee is trying to meet the needs of students, parents, and staff.

Board Member Jamie Bailey asked what tools are given to parents to help when their kids are going through a crisis on the school website.

Mr. Ohashi responded that reaching out to counselors and school psychologist for resources, but nothing specific on our website.

Board Member Bailey expressed that those types of conversations are difficult to have. She wondered if it would be possible to put some information out on the website.

Board Member Stephanie Smith asked about a central intake on the website.

Board Member Bailey wondered about having some advice for a struggle at home somewhere on the website because it is very difficult to have those types of conversations.

Mr. Ohashi said that the committee would address it.

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Policy & Procedure 3413 - Student Immunizations and Life Threatening Health Conditions - 2nd & Final Reading

Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

2. Approval of Equestrian Team Move to Club Status

Motion made by Stephanie Smith to table this motion, seconded by Jamie Bailey. Board Chairperson Bower asked the representatives from the Equestrian group to reach out to Board Member Bailey for more details on the items that are needed for the proposal.

3. Discussion of Reopening Plan

Superintendent Kevin Acuff reported that the Covid19 case rate is still above guidance for reopening, which is at 118.

Board Chairperson Bower said that they did not want to revisit the numbers or dashboard at this time.

Superintendent Acuff shared that athletics had been paused last week when there were two cases of Covid19 on campus, but they would like to restart them next week with the Board's consent.

Board Member Jody Thompson wanted to know what sports are currently going now.

Mr. Ohashi shared that there are 10 programs that are running.

Superintendent Acuff asked Mr. Ohashi to explain the practicing protocols.

Mr. Ohashi shared that there are pods of 6 with masks being worn except for during strenuous activities. Protocols also include entry and exit doors, no water bottle sharing, washing hands, no physical contact, and no pod mixing. Protocols won't change until our county changes designations.

At this time, Mr. Ohashi went back to the SEL committee conversation about resources and pointed out that under the Covid19 tab there is a list of resources for social emotional health, but the committee would be willing to add something for suicide specifically.

Board Member Bailey would like there to be something at all building levels on websites.

Mr. Ohashi wanted to clarification if she wanted them on all sites as the Covid19 tab is just on the district website. He asked Eric Smith if that was possible.

Mr. Smith shared that the building websites are smaller, but there can be resources added to them as well.

Board Member Bailey asked if EGHHS has access to resources as well.

EGHHS Principal Julie Crawford shared that they have resources through the high school counselors but nothing specific.

Superintendent Acuff clarified that we are following WIAA and state guidance right now for athletics and we are also following the guidance for in-person schooling.

Mr. Ohashi shared that the return to play guidelines are on the WIAA website.

Board Chairperson Bower wanted to thank the elementary for the tour of the elementary school showing the Board what it would like for kids to come back.

Board Member Ryan Cristelli said that it was very helpful for him to have a visual tour of how it would look for kids to return and hoped that the Board would also get a tour of the other schools prior to kids returning.

Board Member Bailey wondered if the Board could call a special meeting if the numbers drop significantly.

Board Member Cristelli just wants to be sure that the numbers are going in the right direction. The emotional toll of going back and forth is hard for students and staff.

Board Member Bailey pointed out that the yo-yo was not the intention of the Board and the extra testing is making the numbers climb. She felt that the elementary was ready. She asked the high school if they are still bringing back small groups of students that are in need.

Elma High School Principal Rich Rasanen working with BLT and moving numbers down to 4 students in a pod.

Board Member Bailey wanted to know if students that are failing would be the focus.

Principal Rasanen said that yes that would be one focus but the high school would also be engaging students that

have an emotional need to get in to school.

New Business

1. Approval of Out of Area Teaching Assignments

Eagle Sky Academy

Lisa McGrath - Art - Secondary
Business Education - not for CTE credit
Health/fitness - Secondary
Social Studies - Secondary
Math - Secondary
Science - Secondary - not for CTE credit
Spanish - Secondary

Crystal Fielding - Math - Secondary

Middle School

Aaron Zassenhaus - PE - K-8
Katie Vetter - K-8 Elementary Education

EGHHS

Julie Crawford - Art - Secondary
Human Services - not for CTE credit
Music - Secondary
Social Studies - Secondary
Spanish - Secondary

Jeff Sowers - Social Studies - Secondary
ELA - Secondary

Technology and Curriculum Director Eric Smith explained the out of area teaching assignments. Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Jody Thompson. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

2. Approval of 2020-2021 FoodBowl Covid19 Proposal

EHS ASB Advisor Emily Severs shared the 20-21 FoodBowl Covid19 Proposal with the Board, including phone donation calls to businesses, a silent auction, a drive thru food and cash drive, a giving tree, and working with Gordon's and Thriftway stores, Summit Pacific Medical Center, and McCleary Schools. The Board shared that they would love for kids to be involved as long as Covid19 protocols were followed. Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

3. Approval of Elma Fall Dance & Drill Booster Fundraiser

Elma Fall Dance & Drill Booster President Talonna Hanft explained the cheesecake fundraiser to the Board. Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

*4. Equity Book Club Presentation

Teachers Katie Vetter and Ariel Finfrock invited the Board and school staff to the restart of the equity book club via Zoom Meetings next month.

*5. Approval of Divas Interpretations Contract

Special Services Director Stacey Rockey explained that a contract was needed for an interpreter to provide services for an IEP meeting. Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

Enrollment

Superintendent Kevin Acuff reported that we are down another 4 FTE for a total of 54 FTE from the beginning of the year.

Board Member Jamie Bailey asked why we were down in enrollment.

The superintendent shared that those numbers are similar to other local districts' numbers. This is due to Covid19 and parents choosing the best option for their families including homeschooling and online education.

Board Member Ryan Cristelli asked if there was a cutoff number from the state for budget.

Superintendent Acuff explained that it is based on the district's budget that was submitted to the state. When we fall below the budgeted number, the state reduces the amount that they pay to match actual enrollment in January. He also reported that staffing is based on the budgeted enrollment at the beginning of the year and not usually adjusted until the end of the year.

Board Member Jody Thompson wanted to know if we were including running start and open doors.

Superintendent Acuff clarified that he was talking about FTE and not actual student numbers.

Board Member Thompson asked if the running start student numbers were higher than last year.

Superintendent Acuff said that they were a little bit higher than last year.

Budget Report

Financial reports will be presented at the next regular board meeting due to closing of fiscal year.

Future Agenda Items

Board Chairperson Bower announced that on the next agenda there will be a discussion about renaming the baseball field.

Executive Session

The meeting entered Executive Session at 6:55pm for RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) for 20 minutes for negotiations with no action to be taken. At 7:15pm, Board Chairperson Bower announced an additional 10 minutes. At 7:25pm, an additional 15 minutes was announced. At 7:40pm, an additional 10 minutes was announced.

Adjournment

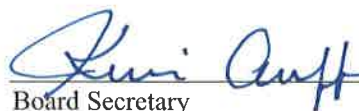
The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



Board Chairperson

11/24/2020

Date



Board Secretary

* Additions to Agenda