

Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

via Zoom Meetings

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6/9/2021 06:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The Elma School District #68 Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 via Zoom Meetings. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Bernadette Bower at 6:01pm.

2. Flag Salute

The board chairperson led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christi Kershaw, Stacey Rockey, Jeff Monroe, Ariel Finfrock, Incoming Superintendent Chris Nesmith, Katie Vetter, Kevin Acuff, Raquel Cruz, Deanne Woita, Alyssa Sutherby, Bobbi Smith, Viva Cristelli, Erin Walker, Kari Eaton, Jeff Monroe, Lisa Arnold, Wendy Beldin, Mary Roberts, Liz Farrar, Denise Boling, Julie Crawford, Carrie Vessey, Jane Allaire, Michelle Hill, Kelly Rasanen, Emily Bucy, Alicia Smith, and Kendis Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Renee Volz, Jeff Lambert, and Wes Cormier.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Letters

b. Business

i. Donation of \$50 from Christi Kershaw to Elma FFA for Marshall Williams Memorial

Board Chairperson Bernadette Bower read the following portion of a letter:

Hello all,

I am emailing all of you because you may get questions and/or donations in memory of Marshall Williams (Lorenzo and Reynaldo Ayala's grandfather) who passed away. The family requested in lieu of flowers to send donations to Elma FFA. I spoke with Lisa and the plan would be to have all donations go to the district office and put into an account that would be designated for Elma FFA.

She thanked Christi Kershaw for her \$50 donation and recognized the family of Marshall Williams and the memorial fund.

c. Personnel

i. Hires

ii. Retirements

iii. Leave Requests

iv. Resignations

d. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2021

e. Approval of Vouchers

i. GF Vouchers: #159734 - #159751 Totaling: \$91,537.17

ii. GF Voucher: #159752 Totaling: \$342.76

iii. ASB Vouchers: #159753 - #159754 Totaling: \$1,799.54

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

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli to excuse Jody Thompson from the meeting tonight, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

5. Communications and Comments

- a. ETO**
- b. EESP**
- c. ECOPA**
- d. Admin**
- e. Persons to be Heard**
- f. Good News**

Superintendent Kevin Acuff wanted to thank everyone in the district for everyone's efforts throughout the year, which includes all of the staff and the Board.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Acuff reported that sports wrapped up last Saturday with the last boys' basketball game.

Incoming Superintendent Chris Nesmith shared that there will be a board retreat on June 24th or 28th dependent upon the trainer, the admin retreat will be on August 12th, and summer institute days will be on August 24th, 25th, and August 26th.

Mr. Acuff reported that summer school starts for all building on Monday, June 21st. This is expanded that will give our students as much learning as possible.

He also thanked all 15 retirees for the year. Their expertise and experience will be missed in the classroom. He feels that the principals have hired very promising young teachers.

Facilities/Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Monroe reported that the stadium lights for Davis Field have been ordered. He is also starting on the safety and security upgrades, which includes a camera system and door lockdown capability.

Mr. Nesmith echoed Mr. Monroe's report pointing out that the goal is to have the lights installed by the start of the football season. He shared that Mr. Monroe has done an incredible job getting our facilities to be the best that they can be for our students and community.

7. Work Study

a. Discussion of Policy & Procedure 1400 - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Board Chairperson Bower explained that this discussion stemmed from the potential to want to change the board meeting days and/or dates.

Board Member Cristelli suggested that the meetings be moved to the 2nd and 4th Mondays because decisions will help at the start of the work week, gives the Board the chance to review information over the weekend, and school activities on Mondays are limited.

Board Member Jamie Bailey pointed out that Mondays have quite a few holidays.

Board Member Cristelli stated that they could be moved to another day.

Superintendent Acuff only conflict in the past that was discussed was the city council meetings.

Board Chairperson Bower and Board Member Cristelli stated that those meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Board Chairperson Bower stated that there are possibly two holidays that fall on a Monday after checking the 2022 calendar.

Board Member Bailey shared that she is fine with whatever day.

Board Member Smith would like to base the decision on what is good for everyone and not just the board members. She would like to seek input from those that it impacts.

Elma High School Principal Rich Rasanen stated that there would be some sporting events on Mondays, but that the sports calendars have not been made yet.

Board Chairperson Bower asked what group(s) would need to have input.

Board Member Smith stated she did not know specifically, but that she would like to look at more than just the board's input. She would like to ask the admin team.

Board Chairperson Bower pointed out that making a decision on Monday would allow more time to implement that decision.

Board Member Cristelli agreed.

Mr. Acuff pointed out that typical sports on Mondays include JV football games that would last about 8-9 weeks. He also explained how scheduling sports work. He also asked Mr. Rasanen if he could think any drawbacks to changing the days.

Board Member Bailey asked about moving it to the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Monday.

Board Member Cristelli shared that it could be confusing.

Board Chairperson Bower pointed out that this is only for discussion and they will wait for feed back from the admin team.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a. Approval of 21-22 Maggie DePuye-Phillips for ASL Instruction

Special Services Director Stacey Rockey explained that this a contract for ASL instruction for a student with hearing loss and this is the same contract hours and price that we had this year.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

b. Approval of 21-22 Bookshare Organizational Agreement

Ms. Rockey explained that this allows us to use audiobooks, large print books, and braille books at no cost.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

c. Approval of 21-22 Learning To Grow/Headstart Agreement

Ms. Rockey explained that this agreement outlines our responsibility for assessing students that reside in our and there is no cost to this.

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Ryan Cristelli. Stephanie Smith abstains from the vote. Motion passed 3 yes, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

d. Approval of 21-22 Leader Services Contract

Ms. Rockey explained that this is a statewide agency that collects Medicaid billing information and calculates that for the district. They charge a small percentage to do this work.

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

e. Approval of 21-22 Lease Agreement for the New 2 You Shop

Ms. Rockey explained that this is the storefront for the New 2 You Shop and the agreement has not changed.

Board Chairperson Bower asked if the shop is open during the summer.

Ms. Rockey said that it is not open during the summer due to budget constraints, but would like to look at getting involved in the summer programs.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

f. Approval of 21-22 Northwest Education & Evaluation Services LLC Contract for Secondary School Psychology Services

Ms. Rockey explained that she has been unable to find a psychologist to replace Mrs. Acuff. This contract would allow us to use Emily Linkhorn for 16 hours a week, which would include 8 hours in the building for assessments. She will continue to look for a full time employee, but this will keep us in compliance.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

g. Elma FFA Summer Ag Co-op Internship Program

CTE Director Christi Kershaw explained that Katie Vetter and Ariel Finfrock have been working for the past few years on a school garden and transitioning the greenhouse into aquaponics. Last year, they created a rabbit program for students to sell and market rabbits through the livestock auction.

Interns also became part of the program last year with the help of PacMountain WorkSource. They had paid and unpaid interns last year, which created dilemmas. This year they wanted to create a program for all students and with the cooperation of Elma Ag Boosters and other community partners to bring in money to have paid internships for other students that do not qualify through PacMountain WorkSource and WorkSource. There are 45 and 90 hour paid internships and all students will have the same accountability. This year we received many applicants.

Ms. Vetter shared that 57 students applied and they had 30 positions available. She and Ms. Finfrock met with each intern via Zoom for a meet and greet for the interns to give input on their schedule. The program runs from June 22nd through August 19th. They will work the garden, aquaponics, and rabbits. They will also work on social emotional work and career building skills.

Ms. Kershaw added that two former EHS graduates, Kolton Morgan and Michael Martinez, will be assisting the program this year. She is excited to see the evolution of the program.

h. Approval to Issue Certificated Contracts for 21-22

Mr. Acuff explained that this is done yearly.

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Stephanie Smith. Ryan Cristelli abstains. Motion passed 3 yes, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

i. Approval to Issue Administrator Contracts for 21-22

Mr. Acuff explained that this is the same as the certificated contracts, but for the administrators. This is also done yearly.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Jamie Bailey. Stephanie Smith abstained. Motion passed 3 yes, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

j. Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension - July 2021 for Kevin Acuff

Board Chairperson Bower explained that this is transitional time for when Mr. Nesmith arrives to go over anything with Mr. Acuff.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

k. Approval of Summer Programs

Mr. Acuff explained that our insurance carrier asks us to submit all summer activities that go on during the summer, including summer school, sports, etc. He has reviewed all of them.

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

l. *Approval of CTSO Summer Field Trips

Ms. Kershaw has reviewed the Covid protocols and summer field trips. She reviewed the field trips that she is requesting approval for and will follow the safety protocols.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Curriculum Adoption Policy
- Health Curriculum K-5 Adoption in 21-22
- ELA Adoption Committee
- Anti-Racism Committee
- Equestrian Team/Club Status
- Student Representative (current Junior)

11. Executive Session

The meeting entered an Executive Session at 6:50pm for RCW 42.30.110(g) for personnel with no action to be taken for 15 minutes. At 7:05pm, an additional 15 minutes were announced. At 7:20pm, an additional 10 minutes were announced. At 7:30pm, an additional 10 minutes were announced. At 7:40pm, an additional 10 minutes were announced. At 7:50pm, an additional 10 minutes were announced. At 8:00pm, an additional 5 minutes were announced. At 8:05pm, an additional 5 minutes were announced. The meeting reentered the regular meeting at 8:10pm.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary

Date