



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The virtual regular meeting of the Eastmont School District Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Dave Piepel at 5:30 p.m. in the Eastmont Administration Office Board Room at 800 Eastmont Avenue, East Wenatchee.

A Zoom link was provided on the District's website for public participation at:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96583992590>

**ATTENDANCE**

Present in the Board Room:

Dave Piepel, Board President  
Annette Eggers, Board Vice President  
Whitney Smith, Board Director  
Cindy Wright, Board Director  
Garn Christensen, Board Secretary/Superintendent  
Brandy Fields, Superintendent's Secretary

Approved Absence:

Meaghan Vibbert, Board Director

Participating remotely:

District staff presenting and one media personnel

**APPROVE AGENDA/MODIFICATIONS**

Superintendent Garn Christensen reported there were no modifications to the Agenda.

MOVED by Director Eggers and SECONDED by Director Smith to approve the Agenda for October 26, 2020 as presented. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Instructions for public comment were provided on the Agenda. Public Comments can be made to the Board in three ways: 1) By calling (509) 888-4698; 2) By writing and sending regular mail to the Administration Office; and 3) By email to [schoolboard@eastmont206.org](mailto:schoolboard@eastmont206.org)  
There was no public comment.

## **BUILDING AND PROGRAM REPORT**

### **A. Cascade Staff Recognition.**

Director Eggers recognized Cascade Elementary Staff for the following accomplishments:

1. Increased focus on building positive relationships with students by staff home visits and small group meetings available later in the day for students who are at daycare while parents work. To build relationships with each other, staff have a weekly Block Party.
2. Staff are using Essential Standards as a guide in Remote Learning to stay focused on the most important concepts in each grade level. They intentionally focus on how to adapt curriculum, so it is not watered down and is exactly what students need to learn.
3. Cascade is one of four elementary schools in Washington state who were recognized with the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

### **B. Cascade Elementary School Building Report.**

Principal Kim Browning and Cascade Elementary School staff shared information on their recent challenges and accomplishments. They answered questions from the Board.

## **INFORMATION**

### **A. Board News.**

The Board shared how thankful they were to participate in a school site visit (even with it virtually) and have meaningful conversation with staff.

### **B. Superintendent News.**

Superintendent Christensen shared he has recently read in national publications the recommended advice at this time is for school districts is to develop relationships between staff and students. This has been part of Eastmont's motto for the last several years and school administrators have completed approximately 100 home visits/check-ins. He also shared that recently our health district's medical officer has publicly stated that he believes schools are the safest places for children in our area. Assistant Superintendent Secondary Ed. Matt Charlton provided an overview of a recent grading procedure update.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of minutes. The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the virtual regular meeting held on October 12, 2020.

B. Payment of bills and/or payroll. The Board of Directors approved the following checks, direct deposits, or wire transfers listed on check summaries dated October 26, 2020:

<u>Warrant Numbers</u>	<u>Total Dollar Amount</u>
7119901-7119901	\$75.00
7119902-7119902	\$3,219.65
7119903-7119903	\$60.00
7119904-7120046	\$2,217,656.27
7120047-7120061 & 900117904-900118659	\$5,458,797.25

<u>Warrant Numbers</u>	<u>Total Dollar Amount</u>
7120062-7120082	\$1,055,856.21
202000001-202000001	\$4,666.30
202000011-202000014	\$6,792.93
900117893-900117903	\$7,703.44

- C. Approval of personnel action. The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Action Items and the Returning Employees dated October 26, 2020 as presented.
- D. Approval of school of improvement plan. The Board of Directors approved the School Improvement Plan for Cascade Elementary School.
- E. Approval of agreement. The Board of Directors approved the Eastmont Education Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MOVED by Director Smith and SECONDED by Director Wright to approve Consent Agenda Items #A-E. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

**REPORTS**

- A. District Construction Related Projects Report.  
Director of Maintenance Services Seann Tanner presented the District Construction Related Projects Report, answered questions from the Board, and invited Board Members to attend a construction walk-through if they are available.
- B. District CHOICE Report.  
Executive Director Elementary Ed. Spencer Taylor presented the District Choice Report and answered questions from the Board.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

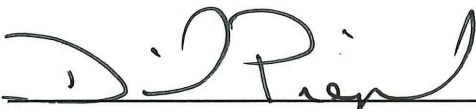
None at this time.


**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Director Wright and SECONDED by Director Eggers to adjourn the meeting. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Approval:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11-9-2020  
 Chairperson Date

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11-10-20  
 Secretary Date