

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Along with limited seating that followed safety protocols for first come first serve in-person attendance for the public, a Webex link was provided on the District's website for public participation at:

<https://eastmont206.webex.com/eastmont206/j.php?MTID=m5a7e195e2f6de5c9d476e2694cb26d95>

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Whitney Smith, Board President
Cindy Wright, Board Vice President
Joy Dawe, Board Director
Meaghan Vibbert, Board Director
Garn Christensen, Board Secretary/Superintendent
Brandy Fields, Superintendent's Secretary

Participating Remotely:

Jason Heinz, Board Director
District staff presenting, community members, and two media personnel

APPROVE AGENDA/MODIFICATIONS

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

MOVED by Director Wright and SECONDED by Director Vibbert to approve the Agenda for January 24, 2022 as presented. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Instructions for public comment were provided on the Agenda. Public Comments could 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. There was no public comment.

INFORMATION

A. Staff Years of Service Recognition.

The Board recognized the following staff:

- Erin Cornehl had 20 years in August 2020
- Angie Schmitt had 25 years in August 2020
- Pary Kenck had 30 years in August 2020
- Andrea Duncan had 30 years in August 2020
- Tracey Thompson had 25 years in August 2021
- Jeff White had 25 years in August 2021

B. Board News.

None at this time.

C. Superintendent News.

Superintendent Christensen updated the Board that he is meeting almost daily with the health district and regional ESD personnel regarding availability of testing kits and the testing requirements are changing rapidly.

BUILDING AND PROGRAM REPORT

A. Lee Elementary School Staff Recognition.

Director Vibbert recognized Lee Elementary staff for the following accomplishments:

1. Lee is using a new phonics based reading program called 95% Phonics Core Program in their Tier 1, 2, & 3 instruction. This is the first time they have ever used a structured literacy program that is consistent throughout all tiers of instruction. This program provides systematic and explicit instruction that addresses and prevents reading gaps for all students.
2. Lee's Site Council shares and discusses grade level reading, math, (and science in 5th grade) data monthly to indicate growth based on identified grade level essentials. Their closing question of each meeting is "What have we done to improve student learning?"
3. Lee's school counselor and PBIS coordinator work together to identify and support students with behavioral challenges which has aided in decreasing the number of SWIS (School-wide Information System) referrals. Coupled with a strong check and connect program, Lee ensures their most vulnerable students feel welcome and safe at school.
4. Lee has a very active Sunshine Committee and continues to promote a positive building climate with high teacher morale by implementing morale boosting activities such as You've Been "Booed", Gratitude Board, Turkey Trot Scavenger Hunt, Secret Santa, and Hot Chocolate Bar. In a recent survey, 100% of staff indicated they feel welcome and respected at school.

B. Lee Elementary School Building Report.

Principal Jamea Connor and Lee Elementary School staff shared information on their recent challenges and accomplishments. They answered questions from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes. The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the hybrid regular meeting held on January 10, 2022.
- 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 January 24, 2022:

Warrant Numbers	Total Dollar Amount
7125376-7125377	\$4,614.55
7125378-7125405	\$9,935.56
7125406-7125549	\$576,306.23
7125550-7125551	\$1,495.93
7125552-7125571	
900130287-900131167	\$6,356,549.56
7125572-7125597	\$1,142,549.96
202100039-202100040	\$2,103.31

- C. Approval of personnel action. The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Action Items dated January 24, 2022 as presented.
- D. Approval of travel. The Board of Directors approved the Requests for Staff Travel dated January 24, 2022.
- E. Approval of surplus. The Board of Directors approved the following items as surplus:
1. Eastmont High School Volleyball items.
 2. Eastmont High School Maintenance items.
- F. Approval of school improvement plan. The Board of Directors approved the School Improvement Plan for Lee Elementary School.
- G. Approval of donations. The Board of Directors approved the donations from Town Toyota and Toyota Corporation.
- H. Approval of calendar. The Board of Directors approved the revised Student Calendar for snow days for 2021-22.
- I. Review of budget status update. The Board of Directors received the Monthly Budget Status Update.

Item H. Approval of calendar.

The Board had a question about requesting a waiver from OSPI regarding the 2 days of school missed due to the weather on January 6th and 7th. Superintendent Christensen let them know he had heard from the OSPI Superintendent that the closure had to be more than 3 days and would take school farther than the 3rd week of June to be approved.

Correction to the Draft Student Calendar submitted in the Board packet referencing February 14th, it should have read February 18th as a make-up day.

MOVED by Director Heinz and SECONDED by Director Vibbert to approve Consent Agenda Items #A-I with the corrected date on the Student Calendar. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS

A. District Construction Related Projects Report.

Director of Maintenance Services Seann Tanner presented the District Construction Related Projects Report and answered questions from the Board.

B. Migrant and Bilingual Programs Report.

Assistant Director State & Federal Programs Mayra Navarro Gomez presented the Migrant and Bilingual Programs Report and answered questions from the Board.

C. Learning Assistance Program (LAP) Report.

Assistant Director State & Federal Programs Mayra Navarro Gomez presented the Migrant and Bilingual Programs Report and answered questions from the Board.

D. Title I Report.

Assistant Director State & Federal Programs Mayra Navarro Gomez presented the Migrant and Bilingual Programs Report and answered questions from the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44 p.m. President Smith announced the Board would hold an Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of an employee for 10 minutes. The Executive Session would start at 6:43 p.m. and conclude at 6:53 p.m.

MOVED by Director Wright and SECONDED by Director Vibbert to enter into an Executive Session. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

President Smith announced the executive session ended at 6:53 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting. No action was taken during Executive Session.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

A. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation for 2021-22.

The Board expressed appreciation for Superintendent Christensen's leadership during this pandemic and he was given his mid-year evaluation for 2021-22 school year.

MOVED by Director Vibbert and SECONDED by Director Wright to approve the mid-year evaluation for 2021-22 for Superintendent Christensen. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A draft schedule for superintendent interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Approval:

Whitney Smith 2/20/22
Chairperson Date

[Signature] 3-1-22
Secretary Date