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The Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 pm at the El Paso Gridley Junior High Library in Gridley.

Overview

The meeting was called to order by President John Hartness with all members in attendance. All members of the administrative team as well as JT Carr (facilities manager) were there. Visitors included Janet Smith and Jennifer Kearney (El Paso Journal). The posted agenda was amended to include a closed session for personnel matters.

The administrators reported a solid start to the school year. Ms. Krug shared that the PLUS program (student mentoring at EPGHS) is in need of a few more volunteers. Anyone interested assisting with this program is asked to contact the high school office.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Approval of minutes from the Board Meeting held on July 25, 2011
- Approval of financial report
- Approval of bills
- Approve hiring Darrell Ropp as a custodian at the East Campus starting August 23, 2011
- Approve hiring Amie Yoss as a special education aid at EPGJHS for 2011-2012
- Approve hiring McKinsey Skinner as a special education teacher assistant at Centennial for 2011-2012
- Approve hiring Heather Fey as a special education teacher assistant at Centennial for 2011-2012
- Approve Bill James as a volunteer for junior high/high school cross country for 2011-2012
- Approve Andrea Whisker as a volunteer for junior high girls basketball for 2011-2012
- Approve transferring Jake Foor from volunteer to an "as warranted" junior high boys baseball coach for 2011-2012
- Approve Jeff Benedict as a volunteer for junior high boys baseball for 2011-2012
- Approve Jim Bagnell as an "as warranted" high school golf coach for 2011-2012
- Approve Lane Vance as a volunteer for high school golf for 2011-2012
- Approve Katie Kurz, Emily Jenkins, and Justin Kissinger as volunteers for high school volleyball for 2011-2012

Consent Agenda Items (continued)

- Approve Marqui Fairchild as a volunteer for high school volleyball for 2011-2012
- Approve Joe Malcom as an "as warranted" high school football coach for 2011-2012
- Approve Keith Harris as second assistant for high school football for 2011-2012
- Approve Brady Sant Amour and Matt Jenkins as volunteers for high school football for 2011-2012
- Approve Robert Roberts as a volunteer for high school football equipment for 2011-2012
- Approve Kristi Ruegge's leave of absence
- Accept Andrea Whisker's resignation as a teacher assistant effective August 15th

Superintendent Report

Yambert family donation: Mr. Johnston clarified that the decision to use these dollars for a 1:1 electronic device for our upper level grades is still in the planning phase. We are working to create an environment that would be enhanced by a laptop, IPAD2 or tablet device in the future. The district certainly appreciates Dorothy Yambert’s gesture to assist the youth of our community.

HS Test Scores: Last month we shared with the Board of Education the preliminary ISAT scores from the AYP status reports for each school in our district. Over the past three years, we have seen solid improvements across the district. The average ISAT/PSAE for students meeting and exceeding has increased by 3.6% in Reading and 3% in Math skills. We mentioned that the high school saw the most significant improvements over that time. We received the ACT college readiness reports this week that also indicated improvements in our scores in those areas for high school students. Our college readiness scores were the highest they have been (in all areas) in the past six years. The high school staff and the board of education have been forwarded the ACT summary report. The ACT report will be shared with the local media. It is noteworthy that the composite scores at the high school have increased overall by 2.6 points while the state average has increased over that same time by .4 points. Over the next two months we will compile results for our district dashboard that will illustrate this growth and comparative data for EPG with area schools.

Gridley TIF: The TIF board meeting will be on Tuesday August 23rd at 11:00. This will be a meeting with the taxing bodies to share the village plan for the final TIF formation. Members of this group must vote during the meeting on “Has the TIF procedures met the legal statutes of the State of Illinois?” There is no action at this time for support or non-support of the TIF. The district still has issues with the scope and length of the proposal. We are working with village officials to develop an agreement between the school district and the Village of Gridley.

Banners in the Titan Center: Mr. Ferrenburg has developed a plan to replace the current system of a single banner for each team success to a banner that will have the championship year for each team to be included. The Booster club has agreed to assist with funding.

EPG Facebook: The district has created a new communication tool for the public on FACEBOOK. Our folks can “friend” the site to receive news updates. Click [HERE](#).

Corn Festival Booth: The district will again have a presence at the Corn Festival from September 8-10. Board members and administrators will be on hand to visit with the public. Information regarding the district will be available. Elementary projects will also on display.



Individual Action Items

- Approve Second Reading and Approval of Administrative Procedures/Exhibits package and the EPG Electronic Communication and Appropriate Use Policy for Employees
 - *The action creates administrative procedures that were needed to meet the requirements of the ROE compliance visit. The district now has AP systems that match what the procedures are for each building.*
 - *These guidelines create expectations for appropriate use in electronic communications and social media for staff members.*
- Approve Maintenance Agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation
 - *The BoE approved the agreement with the elevator company for monitoring and quarterly maintenance inspections.*
- Set Budget Hearing for 2011-2012 for September 26, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.
 - *This set the open hearing for presentation to the public of the district budget for a separate session prior to the next regular board meeting.*

Closed Session

The Board went into closed session for discussion on a personnel matter with Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Fairchild attending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.