

Quick Board Summary

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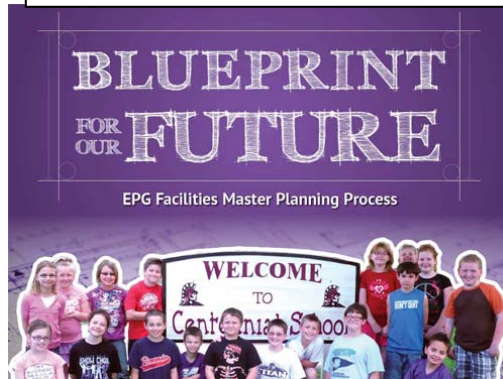
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Rick Johnston

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Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Approval of minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on September 7, 2011
- B. Approval of minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 26, 2011
- C. Approval of financial report
- D. Approval of bills
- E. Approve hiring Keith Harris as Junior High Wrestling Coach for 2011-2012
- F. Approve Lisa Kiefer's resignation as a teacher assistant effective October 6, 2011
- G. Approve Justin Kissinger as an "as warranted" high school boys basketball coach for 2011-2012
- H. Approve John Stella's resignation as Junior High Softball Coach at the end of this season
- I. Approve Cari Pokarney 's resignation as Junior High Assistant/Volunteer Softball Coach effective at the end of this season
- J. Approve Jordan Kessinger as a volunteer for high school boys basketball for 2011-2012
- L. Approve Kenny Kuerth as a volunteer for junior high boys basketball for 2011-2012
- M. Approve Chris Gentes as a volunteer for high school boys wrestling for 2011-2012

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

Overview

The Policy Committee chaired by Jeremy Faulk met prior to the meeting to review Press Policy #76 for first review. The BoE will be presented with the updates at the November meeting for approval. Most of the content relates to small wording changes, five year review of specific policies, and/or the personal technology/social meeting policy.

The regular Board meeting was called to order by President John Hartness. Dave Mool had notified Mr. Johnston earlier in the day that he may not be able to attend. All other Board members were in attendance. All members of the administrative team were there. Visitors included Janet Smith and Jennifer Kearney (El Paso Journal). The posted agenda was not amended.

Rick Phillips (Phillips & Associates) was moved up the agenda in order to allow him to present the summary findings of the Annual Audit Report.

Consent Agenda Items (continued)

- N. Approve Derek Hunsinger as a volunteer for high school boys wrestling for 2011-2012
- O. Early High School Graduation Requests (7) for 2011-2012 contingent upon those students meeting all graduation requirements

Rick Phillips (Phillips & Associates): Mr. Phillips shared with the BoE the summary findings of the annual audit. The overall financial rating went from 3.55 a year ago (Recognition status) to 3.45 this past year (Review status) due to the Woodford county early tax dollars not being released to the district in FY11. He shared that the district however is in strong financial condition compared to most of his educational clients. Even with the \$2.9 million in revenue, the district ended the fiscal year at 170+ Days cash on hand. (The state recommends a 90 day minimum) He stated that had the tax revenue been received as it had the prior two years; the district would have been at the 240 day range. He shared our expenses were under budget again this year.

Superintendent Report

- Finance: We have not received our September Woodford county tax payment (#2) as of today. In past years, we would have received this payment by September 15th. This is reflected in the variance in fund balances as of September 30th in all funds. In the ISBE advisory meeting in September with Dr. Koch, attendees were told to expect at least two categorical payments for FY12 and possibly a third. State sales tax revenue has been higher than the original estimates.
- Village of Gridley TIF: We continue to reach out to the leadership of the Village to come to an acceptable Intergovernmental Agreement. Negotiations to this point have only included reimbursement rates to the school district that would not allow the district to be made “whole” according to their law firm’s figures. We will continue to explain to the leadership what this agreement will mean in the future to the students and the taxpayers of the district. As a side note, as superintendent at EPG, I was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Central Illinois Mayor’s Association this past Thursday.
- PSIC Inspection: The BoE reviewed the annual report to help in reducing liability and workman’s compensation claims against the district.
- Special Education Cooperative: We have put into place a timeline to determine before the November BoE meeting what our recommendation will be for the FY13 school year. We will either present a resolution to dissolve the Cooperative at the end of FY13 or move forward to application to membership with a new cooperative. (Internal discussions continue)
- Citizens Advisory Council: The BoE will direct the CAC to work through the Master Planning for facilities and to return to the BoE with a recommendation. This falls into the original charter for the CAC as to their purpose for the school district. Mr. Hartness will share this in their next meeting.

- Facilities Master Planning Website: Mr. Johnston previewed the website with the BoE.
- IASB Conference Meeting Plans: I will be supplying each board member a packet prior to the conference. This professional development piece is vital for Board members. The mandated trainings for the BoE on the Open Meetings Act will have a session for you to attend. We will orchestrate as we have done in the past, specific sessions to be attended by various board members. Mr. Johnston has been asked to be the moderator for the session presented by the IASA staff on Education Reform.
- Board Recognition:
 - ✓ Recognize Shannon Supan and Brandon Stine as EPGJHS state qualifiers in cross country
 - ✓ Recognize FFA Soils Team for 4th place in State Soils Contest
 - Miranda Schlipf, Codee Schlipf, Taylor Wettstein, and Seth Kaeb
 - ✓ Recognize Michael Mounce as EPGHS state qualifier in boys golf

Discussion on the First Public Facilities Meeting:

Zehr- “I was impressed with the overall numbers, the turnout at the meeting.”
 Hartness- “The smaller groups allowed for each voice to be heard and vetted.”
 Faulk-“People at our table were excited about the project.”
 The Board complimented Sam Johnson (BLDD) on his running of the session and was pleased with the input, and is looking to forward to the next Nov. 10th meeting

Individual Action Items

1. Approve hiring Jill Lorenz as a junior high teacher assistant starting October 25, 2011
 - All yeas
2. Approve 2010-2011 Audit
 - All yeas
3. Approve First Reading of Policies from Policy Committee
 - All yeas
4. CIRBN Collocation Agreement with ISU
 - All Yeas
5. Approve Citizens Advisory Council Members and Dates for 2011-2012
 - All Yeas
6. Approve Health Life Safety Amendments (Football electrical Work and High School Fire Escapes)
 - **The BoE tabled the motion for the electrical work to be completed on the football lighting until January.**
 - (The affected staff members were notified on Tuesday morning that if EPG hosts a playoff game, it will be a Saturday afternoon tipoff.)
 - A motion to allow Superintendent Johnston to accept the lowest bid on the fire escape HLS work in order to proceed with the project was approved. All yeas

Closed Session

There was no closed session.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.