



Edinburg Common School
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
February 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.

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I INTRODUCTION:

- A. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00 PM
- B. Roll Call
 - Angela Ludwig Dr. Mary Ann Borden
 - Robert McCloskey Michelle Ellis
 - Angela Peceri Sandy Moore
- C. Welcome
- D. Privilege of the Floor - None
- E. Agenda Changes - None
- F. Board Reports/Announcements - None
- G. Superintendent Reports/Announcements
 - iReady Progress from fall 23'
 - Students are tested on Math and Reading in September, January, and at the end of the year to track progress throughout the year
 - Ms. Ellis presented on the growth from September to January
 - There has been significant improvement in test scores in both subjects
 - WIN groups and working with Lacy from HFM Boces has been extremely beneficial in helping to produce such growth
 - Mrs. Ferguson added that the WIN groups address each student individually to help them target skills they need to work on
 - Mrs. English noted that the groups are fluid, allowing students to move groups when skill they are working on is mastered
 - Catholic Charities in-house audit
 - Ms. Ellis worked with Ms. Salvione to audit how many students are using services and how often services are provided
 - One of the services provided to each class, Kindness Club, provides the social/emotional learning standards for students
 - Ms. Salvione explained Oasis, a state program that is evidence based. This 8/10 week program is also provided to all students
 - Ms. Salvione is involved any time CPS is in house
 - New staff updates
 - Mrs. Richardson has settled in and is working with Lacy from HFM Boces and mentor Mr. Moore
 - Jen has transitioned to PE and Health and is doing a wonderful job
 - Legislative efforts for the 24-25 budget
 - Financial aid is being cut

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- Both Mrs. Moore and Ms. Ellis are attending meetings in their respective fields discussing the financial aid loss with other districts
- Model Schools
 - Mrs. Moore, Mr. Moore, and Ms. Ellis had a meeting with Tara from HFM Boces about Model Schools
 - Lowest price used to be based on schools with less than 1,000 students, has now decreased due to the fact that there are plenty of schools with less students
 - Middle man for software and programming to get cheaper prices
 - Mr. Moore already negotiates with companies and has built relationships allowing for quick help and better prices
 - Some aspects would be nice, but are not necessary
- After School Enrichment Clubs
 - Pre-2 Basketball Club just came to a close
 - There were many kids involved who really enjoyed it
 - Cooking Club and Drama Club will be starting up after the break
- Superintendent Evaluation for the 23-24 School Year
 - Ms. Ellis provided an evaluation packet for the Board
 - Will be due 10 days prior to May 1st, 2024
- Ronald McDonald House - Read for Charities Month (March)
 - Last year the school raised \$586 for charity
 - Tuesday, February 27 PTO will be hosting their book giveaway to kick off reading month, hopefully we will generate even more money for this charity
- Paul Niagra Art Show
 - Mrs. Davis has brought back the love for the art program
 - There will be 15 pieces entered into the art show
 - 2nd - 6th Grade will be going on a field trip to see all the pieces
- Superintendent Conference Day - March 18, 2024
 - Will be doing our annual trainings including:
 - Active Shooter training
 - Stop the Bleed
 - CPR
 - Violence in the workplace
 - 1st Aid
- Snow Day - April 8, 2024
 - We haven't used any of the allotted snow days this year
 - Asking the Board to consider using a give back day for the eclipse happening on April 8, 2024 so students and staff are able to experience it if they wish
- Kindergarten Orientation - April 18, 2024
 - Will start in multi-purpose room
 - One staff member from each area of the school will be there talk to parents and answer any questions
 - Parents will then go around the school with their child for screenings

- H. Director of Health and Safety Reports
- Budget Meeting
 - 1st budget meeting was held today with Mrs. Moore, Ms. Ellis and Mr. McCloskey
 - Will create two budgets for two different scenarios
 - Tax Cap
 - Mrs. Moore showed two different budgets, one with a 4% and one with a 2.93% tax cap
 - We want to go out with a 2% tax increase
 - Everybody is struggling at the moment, we want to go out with the lowest amount possible without losing programming
 - State aid updates - Hold Harmless
 - A program that keeps state aid the same or more than the previous year, but does not allow for it to be any less
 - We are hopeful that will be put back into place, currently we are losing 300,000 in aid
 - Next 3 years will be the hardest
 - New Driver training cost
 - Ryan Lori does the training for \$45 an hour
 - Would cost the district \$1,200 - \$1,500 for an applicant who already has the S&P endorsement and \$3,000 for an applicant with no endorsements
 - It is not recommended that the district pay for training costs as it is not guaranteed that a driver will stay with us
 - Former Board member and bus driver John Olmstead has applied to be a substitute bus driver and only needs to meet minimal requirements before starting
 - EV Impact study update
 - Each district is a part of the study
 - Got the chance to read and rate proposals from the firms who bid on the study
 - The study will cover the impact EV buses will have on school districts as a whole including cost, how schools will get charging stations, the different effects of the topography of the school district etc...
 - PE and library donations
 - Thank you to Donna Frederick, a former Physical Education teacher for donating items to Edinburg Common School
 - Donated books and other resources
 - Historical Society
 - Thank you to Priscilla Edwards for donating a copy of the book she wrote "My Mountains, my People", a book on the history Edinburg
 - Priscilla will be coming in to do a presentation discussing the contents of her book

A. Board Members

1. Approve the transcript of Board minutes from January 17, 2024
Res#0103-24
Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the transcript of board minutes from the January 17, 2024 board meeting.
Motion by: A.L. 2nd by: R.M. Vote: Yes 3 No 0 Abstain 0

2. Approve first reading of policy #8130.2 - Workplace Violence Prevention
Res#0104-24
Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the First reading of policy #8130.2 - Workplace Violence Prevention.
Motion by: A.L. 2nd by: R.M. Vote: Yes 3 No 0 Abstain 0

3. Approve update to policy #5465 - Child Abuse in an Educational Setting
Res#0105-24
Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the update to policy #5465 - Child Abuse in an Educational Setting.
Motion by: A.L. 2nd by: R.M. Vote: Yes 3 No 0 Abstain 0

B. Treasurer

1. Approve the treasurer reports
Res#0106-24
Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's reports consisting of Budget and revenue status reports as well as bank reconciliations for General, Cafeteria, Federal, Payroll and Capital Funds.
Motion by: A.L. 2nd by: R.M. Vote: Yes 3 No 0 Abstain 0

2. Approve the payment of claims
Res#0107-24
Be it RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the payment of claims as listed on Warrant #8.
Motion by: A.L. 2nd by: R.M. Vote: Yes 3 No 0 Abstain

C. Superintendent

1. Approve permanent appointment
Res#0108-24
Angela Ludwig made a motion to table the permanent appointment of Tanya Southworth, cook, effective February 29, 2024. Robert McCloskey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Angela Ludwig made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:51 PM to discuss a matter which, if disclosed, would imperil public safety and security. Robert McCloskey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Angela Ludwig made a motion to return to regular session at 7:30 PM. Robert McCloskey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Approve permanent appointment

Res#0108-24

Angela Ludwig made a motion to extend the probationary period for cook, until June 30, 2024. Robert McCloskey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Angela Ludwig made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM Robert McCloskey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Angela Peceri
District Clerk***

Dates to Remember:

February 15th - Family STEM Night
February 19th - 23rd - February Break
March 11th - Half Professional Development Day
March 12th - ECS Board Meeting 6:00 PM
March 18th - Superintendent's Conference Day
March 29th - April 5th - Spring Break

E.C.S. Mission: To provide a quality education and a caring environment for all students so that they may grow, achieve, and make a positive contribution to our ever changing world.