

EAST ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 20, 2021

The Board of Education of East Alton District 13, Madison County, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in the Cafeteria, at East Alton Middle School, 1000 Third Street, East Alton, Illinois.

**REGULAR
MEETING.**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a call of roll, the following members answered present:

Joan Mudge, President
Keith Trout, Vice President
Margaret Foiles, Secretary
Kim Handler
Mary Karrick
Marvin Peterson
David Watts

PRESENT.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

A plaque was given to Marvin Peterson in honor of his years of service as a board member for EASD #13.

Marvin was on the board from 1987-2021.

The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Kim Handler to approve Regular Meeting minutes, March 16, 2021, and Executive Session minutes, March 16, 2021, as presented.

MINUTES.

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the bills from March 16, 2021, thru April 19, 2021,

**APPROVAL OF
BILLS.**

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as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve authorization to destroy EASD #13 Executive Session audio recordings more than eighteen months old, as presented.

**AUTHORIZATION TO
DESTROY AUDIO
RECORDINGS.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Mrs. Warnecke provided the monthly attendance report, which showed an enrollment of 752 students as of April 1st, with 45 of those students being remote learners. Mrs. Warnecke informed the board that a survey has gone out to parents of current remote students, asking if their students will qualify for remote learning for the upcoming school year.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT.**

The current budget status was reviewed and indicates the district remains on track with expected expenditures and revenues and late state payments total of \$211,156.36 at this point in the school year. A discussion was held on the current Covid-19 status; the district is totaling 117 lost workdays. Mrs. Warnecke discussed the state payment for transportation and how it is projected to be lower in the next fiscal year due to a lack of additional mileage driven in this current year because of Covid-19 restrictions. A discussion continued from March on the Covid relief funds; Mrs. Warnecke has begun working on a tentative budget for the ESSER Funds. There was a discussion on adding an intervention teacher at the middle school. Mrs. Decker surveyed the

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middle school teachers, and the overall result indicated that this would be a helpful addition to the middle school. Graduation will be in May for both Pre-K and 8th Grade students.

Washington will be having their ceremony on May 19th, beginning at 5:00. The middle school ceremony will be on May 20th, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Due to Covid restrictions, both ceremonies will be limited in capacity; the students will be given two tickets for the ceremony.

The ceremonies will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend due to restrictions. Mrs. Smith gave an update on several programs the district offers. The first was Boost; this is the final week for this program. We had 67 students attend consistently during the length of this program, and these students moved at least two levels in math fluency. Once Boost is completed, Mrs.

Smith plans to compare the winter and spring scores to see exactly where students are improving and where they still need improvement. The feedback from the teachers on the math practices

that were used in Boost was overwhelmingly positive, so this will be implemented into the

curriculum going forward in the 21-22 school year. As of Tuesday night, there are 117 students

(K-8th) signed up for Summer School, and 19 teachers have signed up to work. JumpStart will

begin on August 2nd and run through August 12th. Mrs. Smith is currently working with

teachers on the list of students who will need to attend. ALL incoming Kindergarten students

will be offered to sign up for a two-day orientation at registration. The Kindergarten Team will

put on this orientation.

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Tri-District Collaboration has resumed due to a relaxation in some Covid-19 restrictions! The high school tested students from both EASD and WR-H districts for ELA and Math. The high school selected an even number of students from both districts to continue the course of honors in their high school careers. The high school commented that there had been a noticeable improvement in the writing skills of EASD students. Once the high school summarizes the scores from the assessments, they will share them with the elementary districts to see where improvements can still be made. The next collaborative meeting is scheduled for May.

The motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by David Watts to approve the amended 2020-2021 School Year Calendar, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**AMENDED 2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR.**

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Marvin Peterson to approve Summer Band, June 21, 2021 thru July 29, 2021, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
SUMMER BAND.**

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the resolution agreeing to the withdrawal of the Jersey Community Unit School District #100 from participation in the Region III Special Education Cooperative effective June 30, 2023, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION OF
JERSEY #100
WITHDRAWAL.**

The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Kim Handler to

**APPROVAL OF
ONE-TIME BONUS
PAYMENT.**

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approve the one-time bonus payment to all District #13 employees in gratitude for their efforts to support our students through the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

The motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by David Watts to approve making a \$200.00 donation towards the 8th Grade After Grad., as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
AFTER GRAD
DONATION.**

The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Mary Karrick to enter into Executive Session at 6:52 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Keith Trout to return to Open Session at 8:24 P.M.

OPEN SESSION.

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

The motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Kim Handler to approve the intent to retire of John Huff, as well as Gail Davis and the corresponding MOU with EAESPA, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
INTENT TO RETIRE.**

The motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the resignation of Kathy Smith, Teacher Assistant at Washington Early Childhood Center, effective May 21, 2021, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
RESIGNATION.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

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The motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the employment of Randi Smith, Kindergarten Teacher; Radeana Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher; Marcey VanFossen, 3rd Grade Special Education Teacher; Randy Beckman, 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT.**

The motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by David Watts to approve the Employment Transfers of Cesar Amador, from Eastwood Day Custodian to Middle School Evening Custodian; Tammy Suggs, Eastwood Evening Custodian to District Day Custodian; Chris Plummer, Part-time Day Custodian to Full-time Eastwood Evening Custodian, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT
TRANSFERS.**

The motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Marvin Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

ADJOURNMENT.

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ SECRETARY