

EAST ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 21, 2020

The Board of Education of East Alton District 13, Madison

**REGULAR
MEETING.**

County, Illinois, met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday,

April 21, 2020, in the Professional Development Room, at East Alton

Middle School, 1000 Third Street, East Alton, Illinois.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On 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:

Lauren Cranmer, a district parent, submitted a written public comment, which requested the school board consider a policy revision to policy 5:120 General Personnel: Employee Ethics, Conduct, and Conflicts of Interest due to a personal matter.

Motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by Keith Trout to approve Regular Meeting minutes, March 17, 2020, and Executive Session minutes, March 17, 2020, as presented.

MINUTES.

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by Marvin Peterson to approve the bills from March 17, 2020 thru April 20, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

**APPROVAL OF
BILLS.**

A discussion was held on legal bills, worker’s compensation, TIF, and employee.

Motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Kim Handler 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 reviewed the current budget status, which indicates the district continues to remain on track with expected expenditures for the Education, Operations and Maintenance, and Transportation funds. With the fiscal issues the state is experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state has fallen further behind on its obligations to provide the district revenues to cover education expenses. Late state payments total \$439,562.11 at this point in the school year, which can mostly be attributed to the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) payments that have not yet been received. The state is now four months behind in the payment schedule for those grants, and the backlogged revenues total \$331,496.00.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT.**

The additional revenues owed to the district include \$79,013.15 for transportation expenses, which can be attributed to two separate categorical payments that should have been received at this point in the year. The remainder of the state required revenue contributions that have not yet been received are owed for specific special education service provisions. Mrs. Warnecke provided an update on the district's planned construction project for this summer. The contract with CTS has been approved and executed. The required permits are being submitted to the ROE this week, and we have already held the initial meeting with the contractors. We are still waiting on the timeline for work to commence, but expect it to be started in mid-May. With relation to the district's Remote Learning Plan, our teachers and staff continue to work hard to get continued academic engagement packets into the hands of all students. We are pushing out new learning materials every two weeks, and offer both pick up at Eastwood, as well as delivery for those who are unable to get up to the building to pick them up. Free meal distribution is continuing each weekday from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Eastwood and Washington Early Childhood Center and will continue through May 22nd. We are planning to offer pick up for belongings left over from before students left in March on April 30th when we have the next learning material pick up. Our date set for graduation will likely have to be pushed back due to the executive order currently in place related to gathering sizes. We are working on a plan that will allow us to honor our graduating 8th

graders in an alternative format until we are able to meet in person. Our final day of remote learning is scheduled for Monday, May 18th.

No action was made on the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the East Alton TIF Extension. The motion will be revisited at the May Board Meeting.

**NO ACTION ON
LETTER OF
SUPPORT FOR EAST
ALTON TIF
EXTENSION.**

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the authorization for the Superintendent and Finance Director to prepare the District Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
AUTHORIZATION
TO PREPARE THE
DISTRICT BUDGET
FOR THE 2020-2021
FISCAL YEAR.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Kim Handler to enter into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

David Watts left the meeting at 6:53 P.M., returned to the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Keith Trout to return to Open Session at 8:01 P.M.

OPEN SESSION.

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by David Watts to approve the employment of Christy Stanfill, Middle School Math Teacher, effective August 17, 2020, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Marvin Peterson to approve the contract amendments of Doug Bogert, Katherine Cuff, Kelli Decker, Stacey Egan, Doug McCullough, Sean Skelton, Alyssa Smith, Matt Stimac, Heather Strebel, and Richelle Voorhees, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT
AMENDMENTS.**

Motion carried with Foiles, Handler, Karrick, Peterson, Trout, and Mudge voting “Yes.”
Watts abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Margaret Foiles to approve the contracts of Cindy Paruch and Emily Warnecke, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACTS.**

Motion was carried with Foiles, Handler, Karrick, Peterson, Trout, and Mudge voting “Yes.”
Watts abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Marvin Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ SECRETARY