

EAST ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 20, 2019

The Board of Education of East Alton District 13, Madison
County, Illinois, met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday,
August 20, 2019, in the Professional Development Room, at East Alton
Middle School, 1000 Third Street, East Alton, Illinois.
All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR
MEETING.**

On call of roll, the following members answered present:

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

PRESENT.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
None.

Motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by Margaret Foiles to
approve Regular meeting minutes, July 16, 2019,
and Executive Session minutes, July 16, 2019 as presented.

MINUTES.

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

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the bills from July 16, 2019 thru August 19, 2019, as presented. Motion carried with Peterson, Karrick, Handler, Watts, and Mudge voting “Yes.” Foiles abstained from the vote.

**APPROVAL OF
BILLS.**

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.”

Motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by David Watts to approve updated board policies, as presented.

**UPDATED BOARD
POLICY.**

Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

Motion was made by Margaret Foiles and seconded by Kim Handler to approve the 2019-2020 District and Building Handbooks, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting “Yes.”

19-20 HANDBOOKS.

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the appointment of Keith Trout to fill vacancy on Board of Education, as presented. Motion carried with a four - two vote.

TROUT APPOINTMENT.

Peterson, Karrick, Foiles, and Mudge voting “Yes.”

Handler and Watts voting “No.”

Mr. Keith Trout was given a seat on the Board at 6:10 P.M.

He was sworn in by President Joan Mudge and read the School Board Member Oath of Office.

Mrs. Warnecke, Superintendent, informed the Board that we have had a great start to the school year, and currently have 796 students enrolled. This number is up from 780 at the start of last school year. Currently, class sizes at Eastwood are at an average of 19, and EAMS class sizes average 22.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT.**

The annual review of behavioral incidents was presented to the Board, which includes the number of restraints and isolations, the duration of the incidents, as well as injuries and property damage that occurred. The state is currently caught up on all FY19 payments, with the exception of the Healthy Community Grant payments (\$29,669), which we typically receive in October. However, the state is already behind on Early Childhood Block Grant payments for FY20 to the sum of \$143,262. A review of approved fundraisers for the last three years was presented following Board discussion from the July meeting about being conscientious of the number of fundraisers that are approved. Eastwood and EAMS only conduct one fundraiser per year, with the Band and Cheer programs conducting from three to five each year. We received our health insurance renewal rates, which ranged from a 2-5% increase for the various plan options offered for our staff, which we are very pleased with. It is also time to renew our general liability coverage, and we are conducting an audit of our coverage and determining if

there are other options for us to use starting October 1st. The Triple I conference will be held November 22-24; congratulations to Mrs. Smith who is one of only four educational leadership students across the state to receive a scholarship to attend the conference! Mrs. Smith shared photos of our staff on their first day of school, celebrated Mrs. Hilyard's LAST first day of school, and informed the Board we have had record parent participation on our online communication platform. Mrs. Egan shared with the Board that WECC had a great day of orientation and teachers were excited and ready for their first day with students. We were recently notified that the program received additional funding which will allow for another full day classroom for FY20 and for the remaining years of the current grant cycle. Mr. Stimac was excited to share photos of students on our brand new playground and of our teachers enjoying the new outdoor eating area, as well as spoke about Eastwood's new "Peace Path" and the building theme "Find Joy in the Journey." Mrs. Decker shared photos of our new sidewalk in front of the building which no longer holds water after the rain, and of students enjoying the new outdoor eating area. She also informed the Board that the Cheer trivia night fundraiser that was held at Eastwood on the 17th was fun and a huge success, and that our baseball team is off to an amazing start! Mayor Silkwood threw out the first pitch for our inaugural home game and Mike Roper was honored for donating to our new program. Mrs. Decker also debuted the new school logo that ties into our new district logo.

Motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by Keith Trout to enter Executive Session at 6:54 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by David Watts to return to Open Session at 7:40 P.M.

OPEN SESSION.

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Marvin Peterson to approve the resignation of Chris Case, Eastwood Cafeteria Helper, effective July 29, 2019, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
RESIGNATION.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the employment of Mandy Gilreath, Cafeteria Cashier at Middle School, effective August 12, 2019, and Jackie Gleason, Cafeteria Helper at Eastwood, effective August 21, 2019, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by David Watts and second by Kim Handler to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the East Alton Education Association regarding Article VIII Section G of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented.

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EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by Kim Handler and seconded by Marvin Peterson to approve the Intent to Retire of Donna Gaines and the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding, as presented.

**INTENT TO
RETIRE.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by David Watts and seconded by Kim Handler to approve the maternity leave of Kacie Bamert, Middle School Teacher, effective August 19, 2019 thru September 30, 2019, as presented.

**MATERNITY
LEAVE.**

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

Motion was made by Keith Trout and seconded by Kim Handler to adjourn meeting at 7:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion carried with all members voting "Yes."

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY