

## ESSEX COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held Monday, November 16, 2009, in the Media Center at 7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** President Dennis Liljedahl called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with members Anne Christine Johnson, Blake Jensen, Doug Ohnmacht and Tim Johnson present. Also present were Superintendent of Schools Ron Flynn, Principal Allen Stuart, Business Manager Sherri Ruzek, and Board Secretary Kay Schaefer.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** President Liljedahl welcomed April Scott, Scott Salthun, Nancy York, Rhonda Almquist, Whitney Johnson, Amy Resh, Chuck & Connor Bengtson and Jeff Staveness.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve Consent Agenda as amended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the last regular Board Meeting on October 12, 2009, and the next regular Board Meeting date of December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Positive letter from parent regarding staff member.

**VISITORS' PRESENTATIONS:** April Scott presented asking for permission to work on getting sponsors for a school pride/spirit campaign and t-shirts for all students.

Rhonda Almquist presented on Senior Trip ideas and winter/summer sessions of Driver's Education. Whitney Johnson also presented ideas regarding Senior Trip.

Amy Resh presented on trash bag fundraiser for playground.

Jeff Staveness of BLI Lighting Specialists presented on new lighting in gymnasium.

**FINANCIAL AND RELATED REPORTS:** Motion by Jensen, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve the financial and related reports as presented with balances in the following accounts: **Operating (10) \$674,300.23, Child Nutrition (61) \$9,869.15, Activity (21) \$47,201.89, Management (22) \$47,770.73, Trust Funds (82) \$7,314.85, Un-expendable Trust Funds \$45,000.00, Agency Funds (91) \$1,354.51, Capital Projects SILO (33) \$89,944.88, and PPEL (23) \$8,858.49.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by T. Johnson, second by Ohnmacht, unanimously carried to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$99,001.18.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Principal Allen Stuart reported on Blood Drive; Parent/Teacher Conference numbers; Iowa testing; Honor Roll Breakfast; High School Summer/Fall Activities

Potluck; Essex Community Club appreciation dinner; E-Stars food drive; Santa's Workshop; Elementary Winter Concert Dec. 17 @ 7:00 p.m./Secondary Winter Concert Dec. 21 @ 7:00 p.m.; Greater Shenandoah Foundation grant; Iowa Core Curriculum progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Roof Leaks:** Discussion of two leaks in roof over elementary.
- B. **Windows:** Discuss replacing windows in the high school rooms.
- C. **Work Sessions:** Discuss dates for work sessions to discuss budget issues resulting in 10% cut in state funding and projections for FY2011. Possible meeting date set for Dec. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
- D. **SIAC:** Discuss ideas generated from survey completed by School Improvement Advisory Committee.
- E. **Policies:** Review changes suggested for sections 1 & 2 of policy manual--first reading.
- F. **Growing Class:** Consider ideas to reduce 5<sup>th</sup> grade class size or provide additional help.
- G. **Head Coaching Pay:** Discuss whether or not to adjust head coaching pay when no assistant is hired.

**H. Motions:**

Motion by Ohnmacht, second by T. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve open enrollment-in applications for Keelee Razee (K), and Caleb Davis (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Cody Davis (5<sup>th</sup>).

Motion by T. Johnson, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve open enrollment-in application for David Gomez from Shenandoah.

Motion by A.C. Johnson, second by Ohnmacht, unanimously carried to ask the School Budget Review Committee to allow Modified Allowable Growth to restore spending authority that was lost as a result of the discontinuation of Phase 1.

Motion by Jensen, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve superintendent evaluation instrument.

Motion by Jensen, second by Ohnmacht, unanimously carried to approve bid from Andrew Tuckpointing for \$8,099.00 to repair south wall, remove and replace 60 feet of sidewalk with grading to drain water away from building and to recaulk the expansion joints on the exterior gym walls.

Motion by A.C. Johnson, second by T. Johnson, unanimously carried to approve the following coaching contracts: Mike Almquist-Baseball; Ron Flynn-Jr. High Girls' Basketball; Denny Perry-Softball; Luke Berning-Assistant Baseball; Toby Young-Assistant Softball.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by Ohnmacht, unanimously carried to table discussion on appointment of alternate Level One Investigator.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by Jensen, unanimously carried to approve ½ time school nurse agreement with Amy Gutschenritter.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by Jensen, unanimously carried to approve application for Harkin Grant Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program to replace high school windows and install energy efficient lighting to all parts of the buildings.

Motion by Ohnmacht, second by Jensen, unanimously carried to approve Playground Committee fundraiser.

Motion by T. Johnson, second by Ohnmacht, to approve open-enrollment applications for children of Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Bengtson. Motion failed 0-5.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Flynn reported on Open Enrollments; restoring spending authority; superintendent evaluation instrument; repair of south wall; coaching contracts; last year's account balances; Application for Harkin Grant Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Regular Meeting December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Jensen, second by A.C. Johnson, unanimously carried at 11:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY