

**Eatonville School District
Board of Directors Business Meeting
January 24, 2007
Eatonville High School Cafeteria, 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER/FLAG
SALUTE**

President Tim Patterson called the Eatonville School Board meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Other board members present were Mr. Kirk Heinz, Mr. Bob Homan, Mr. Bruce Lachney, Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent Raymond Arment, Student Representative, Sean Andrasick, Ms. Cathy Bryant, HR/Business Manager and Ms. Debi Hamilton, Recording Secretary. Administrators present were Mr. Garth Steedman, EHS Principal, Mr. David Jacobson, CC Principal, Special Services Director and Mrs. Lucy Fountain, Curriculum Director. Mr. Patterson led the flag salute.

**CONSTRUCTION REPORT
Resolution #513, EHS Value
Analysis Report**

Mr. Patterson went over the process that the district and board have gone through since the passing of the bond. Mr. Patterson introduced Mr. John Erickson, Architect and Construction Project Manager, Kasey Wyatt. It was clarified that to receive state matching funds the Value Analysis Report needed to be completed. Resolution #513 proves that the Value Analysis Report has been completed. At this time, the construction process is over budget. The Value Analysis Report provided the district recommendations that will help put the project in budget. One of those suggested, was making the high school available to the construction process right away by moving the students and staff off the HS campus. This will significantly shorten the construction process and save close to \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 in costs. Most importantly it will make the learning environment safer and with less interruptions (power outages, moves etc). Superintendent Arment presented the Course of Action Analysis to show how each scenario was going to affect the different areas. There was discussion on the different scenarios for transitioning EHS students during construction. The board agreed on the following points:

- The importance of creating a safe environment for the students,
- Cutting the time of construction substantially therefore saving \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00.
- Curriculum program needs to continue to be of merit during construction.
- Dollars need to be invested in the bricks and mortar instead of in items that will disappear when construction is complete.
- The need to enhance the year for the seniors to ensure they have a special year.

Superintendent Arment presented the chart that was prepared on the different scenarios. The scenarios were; phased @ HS, Shared Facility @ MS, 3x3 @ MS, 100% portables, 9,10 ½ day 11,12 ½ day all year, Split Schedule @ EMS. There was discussion and questions. The shared schedule was discussed at length and there were questions and discussion on brunch/lunch programs, transportation, travel times, athletics, extra-curricular programs, and how to enhance the year for seniors. Mr. Patterson took questions from the audience. There were multiple questions/comments in regards to the following subjects.

- Communication (Lack of in the past and strategy for the future).
- Who supplied and compiled the input for the Course of Action Analysis?
- What will the impact on students and teachers be?
- What will be done for the seniors, to make sure they have the curriculum and tools, so not to take away from their senior year? What can be done to make the seniors still feel apart of EHS.
- Will the labs be adequate for high school students? If they are updated,

- can this be left permanently for the MS?
- Can a closer timeline be given on how long the construction process will take?
- How are athletics and extracurricular activities going to be affected? Can FB and swim area be kept open just until the season is finished the first year?
- Concern about mingling older students with the elementary students.

The board responded with the following points.

- *The board will not give out inexact information. When exact information is available it will be made available by board meetings, which the public can attend, press, school bulletins, and community meetings. The board will take suggestions on other means of communication.
- The Course of Action Analysis was worked on by the administrators of the school district, which include the principals, Curriculum Director and Transportation Director. When it was completed, the information was shared with the board members and the board student representative before being presented at the board meeting. Copies of the analysis list are available upon request. This all took place in a matter of days.
- Time of the constructions project relies heavily on scenario's that are not always in the control of the contractor's. When the school is empty, we do not know what we are going to find behind the walls. There could be numerous issues (example: asbestos issues) we are not yet aware of until the contractors tear down the walls.
- The boards' focus is student safety first and how to make this process an adventure. They assured the community that they are being heard and they will make the best decision for the whole of the district as they were elected to do.
- Portables will be outside of the Elementary campus. The older students will not be in the Elementary buildings.

Mr. Patterson asked if there was further discussion.

Ms. Wyatt, Construction Project Manager, assured the board that they would continue to survey the situations, such as the labs to see what can be done to bring them temporarily in line to be used by HS students. She also shared that in her experience in HS construction, moving the students out of the way of the contractors not only assures the safety of the students but also makes the job more marketable. This assures a better bidding process.

Mr. Erickson said that he would look into the suggestion that the FB and swim area be kept open only until the fall sports are complete to see if it will be feasible.

Mr. Homan made a motion to accept Resolution #513. A second was made and the motion carried. President Patterson called for a 5 minute break at 8:31 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

The meeting convened at 8:37 pm. The consent agenda was brought before the board to approve. Mr. Miller asked to remove items F-1-b and F-1-j for further discussion. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus items F-1-b and F-1-j. There was a second and the motion carried. There was discussion on the wording in item F-1-b, Policy 3122. It was decided to bring this policy at the next meeting for more discussion. There was a grammatical correction to item F-1-j. Mr. Homan made a motion to accept F-1-j with changes and the changes presented in F-1-b. There was a second and the motion carried.

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. September 16, 2006, Board Retreat
2. December 13, 2006, Business Meeting
3. January 10, 2007, Work Study Meeting @ WES

B. Consider Classified Human Resources recommendations:

C. Consider Certificated Human Resources recommendations:

D. Consider Extra Curricular Assignment Recommendations:

1. Consider resignation of Alyse Fritz, EHS-Cheerleading advisor, effective 03/08/2007.

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Begin Dt.</u>	<u>End Dt.</u>
2. Academic Options Coordinator	Ridgeway, Sheelah	2/1/07	6/15/07

E. Financial

1. December 2006 Payroll, \$1,061,839.24
2. January 2007 General Ledger Fund Vouchers, \$323,573.19
3. January 2007 Capital Projects Vouchers \$103,503.73
4. January 2007 ASB Vouchers \$11,734.08
5. Trust and Agency Fund Voucher \$3,000.00
6. December 2006 Financial Report

HEARINGS OF INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

President Patterson asked for additional comments from the audience. Lucy Schilter-McKee addressed her concerns about the quality of the school year for the seniors. Jessica Erickson, Jr. Class President and Mark Maddox, Jr. Class ASB president addressed the board. Their concerns were that the students be communicated with as soon as possible and they expressed concern that their senior year will be compromised. There was interactive discussion on communication and the avenues that are available to the students for information. The board assured the students that these areas will be looked into during the implementation process.

**NEW BUSINESS
Consider Changes to 06-07
calendar**

Superintendent Arment explained the changes to the calendar and how they were going to make up the lost hours and days due to weather. There was discussion. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the changes to the 06-07 SY calendar. There was a second to the motion and the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Athletic and Activity Code**

President Patterson asked Mr. Homan as the EC4 representative to the board to give an overview on the review of the Athletic and Activity Code. Mr. Homan asked that the record show that the board was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Fairhart and the coaches with background information. Mr. Homan would like to suggest that the board entertain to modify the athletic and activity standards to no failing core classes and maintain a 2.0 © GPA. There was interactive discussion on what the code is now comparable to the suggested standard.

**Changes 4260P, Use of
School Facilities**

There was discussion on the pool usage changes. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the changes effective March 1, 2007. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Announcement of Special
Board Meeting.**

Mr. Patterson suggested that the board call a special board meeting next Wednesday, January 31, 2007 to have a community meeting to discuss the Athletic and Activity Code Standard and the latest update on the EHS modernization and construction. (Move EHS students to EMS during construction process.)

REPORTS
Enrollment Report
Principal Reports
Annual Sexual Harassment
Report

All reports were available to the board for viewing. Supt. Arment asked if there were any questions on any of the reports. There were no questions.

BOARD COMMENTS

Sean Andrascik: Expressed that whoever put together the information presented tonight put a lot of work into it. He expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Heinz: Updated the board on the downtown revitalization.

- Possible new street,
- The committee is looking for letters of support that may support this view.

Mr. Miller:

- Pleased to be a part of this group and how they handle themselves.
- Will bring up grade level discussion at future work-study.

Mr. Lachney: Expressed his appreciation of the analysis presented. Thank you to the staff that spent time preparing the information.

- Mr. Lachney feels that construction sites and students do not mix. Communication is always an issue in a small town. He feels that the board needs to look at ways to be a conduit of information. He would like to attend staff meetings.
- Mr. Lachney expressed that he has worked on large construction projects. All projects seem to come in over budget and last longer than planned. We need to be careful and be on the architects and project manager to keep to the timeline and budget.
- Mr. Lachney has some ideas that may be helpful with the science transitions that he will share.

Mr. Homan:

- "Great job on the matrix and the work it took." (The district and board) needs to look for ways to improve communication. Looking for suggestions.
- Appreciates the board and how they work together. Is concerned about business week funding. Are we funded? Supt. Arment assured Mr. Homan that business week is fully funded.
- Would like a schedule H update. Supt. Arment said that they were still in talks. There was nothing new to report at this time.
- Requested update on board going paperless. Supt. Arment explained that we were waiting for the new copier that would give us the opportunity to scan the board packet on a PDF.
- Requested update on Equestrian club information. He feels it needs to be addressed soon. Supt. Arment explained that Mr. Jacobson was working on compiling the information for this and it would be at a work-study meeting coming up.
- Requested update on our database for our maintenance program from Mr. Dawkins.
- Suggested posting the minutes on the web site and possibly develop a board brochure. Ms. Hamilton will look into those items.

Mr. Patterson asked when the next staff meeting is as the HS and MS. The administrators provided that information to the board.

Mr. Andrascik and Mr. Homan left the meeting @10:07pm.

There was further discussion among the board about the value engineering analysis and communication.

SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

- Superintendent Arment had a meeting with the oversight committee. He went over the items discussed. Agenda and charter, update on grants and miscellaneous funding we are working on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Contracts

- The Greene Gasaway contract needs to meet with attorney before it is brought before the board.
- Pres. Patterson adjourned the meeting to an executive session to be held at the district office board room to discuss contracts at 10:13 pm. He announced that the session would take approximately 30 minutes and there would be no further action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patterson adjourned the meeting at 10:40pm.

President of the Board

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary