Ellsworth Community School
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 13, 2017 in the Superintendent's Office. President Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Board members: Gardner, Groenink Krosnicki, Randall, Russell, Stevens, Wallace

Administration: Gaffney, J. Murray

Staff: Ms. Jill Miller, Lisa Krosnicki

Students: Chloe Nagel

Other: Mrs. SueAnn Wallace

PRELIMINARY MOTIONS:

Moved by Gardner, supported by Groenink to approve all preliminary motions as a consent agenda item, including:

- Board Minutes – Regular meeting of October 9, 2017
- COW Minutes – November 6, 2017
- Current General Fund Bills audited in the amount of $446,710.23

Copies of said agenda, minutes, and itemized list of bills to become part and parcel of these minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

A. Murray spoke about the cross country team showing for the 2017 season.
B. Murray reported that the Varsity football team will be in finals this weekend at the Superior Dome in Marquette.
C. Murray reported that the Quizbowl team won their first meet at CMU this past week.
D. Murray reported that the fall Parent Teacher Conferences had a favorable turnout.
E. Murray reported on the new Elementary Staff Coffee Hour; the first one last month had a favorable turnout and positive review by staff and parents. The next one is scheduled for this Friday in the Elementary cafeteria.

STUDENT'S REPORT:

Chloe Nagel reported for the Student Council on the Good Reads and Warm Toes Drive. This is a conjoined effort by the Student Council and NHS to raise goods for needy families in the area in a fun competition for all 6-12 grades.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Gaffney shared that the open house for the renovated MS/HS this past weekend was well attended and received.

B. Gaffney shared a brief construction update. Contractors are still working on finalizing the heating and roof. A final punch list is TBD.

C. Gaffney presented that there currently is a signup for a potential spec bus to the state finals game for the Varsity Football this coming Saturday.

D. Gaffney presented more discussion about the positive and negative feedback on the scheduled parent teacher conferences in the middle/high school.

E. Gaffney gave a demo of the new app and website for the District.

F. Gaffney gave a demo of the new security camera system for the MS/HS.

G. Gaffney shared that a new business manager will be starting on December 4th from the ISD, taking the place of Lisa Krosnicki.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Gaffney presented the Summer Tax Resolution to the Board for review and vote.

B. Gaffney shared the new and revised Board Policies as received from NEOLA.

C. Gaffney introduced the letter of agreement between the EEA and the Board, which would establish new advisors for the FFA, Yearbook and Washington D.C. Trip.

D. Gaffney presented that there may be a need for another Special Education Aide in the near future for the Elementary School.

E. Gaffney spoke on the recently passed Enhancement Millage; discussion was held by the Board on the benefits for the district.

F. Gaffney spoke on upcoming maintenance projects, including pumps in the circulation room that need to be replaced, the bid for remodeling the entrance door to the gym lobby has been accepted and the elementary ball field and fencing projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Moved by Wallace, supported by Russell, to approve the Summer Tax Resolution, as presented.
Roll Call: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

B. Moved by Russell, supported by Groenink, to approve the new and revised Board Policies, as presented.
Motion passed unanimously, 7-0

C. Moved by Gardner, supported by Wallace, to approve the letter of agreement between the EEA and the ECS Board of Education concerning FFA, Yearbook, and Washington D.C. Trip advisors as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Susanne Gardner, Secretary of the Board