

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 22, 2017  
Endicott School Library  
7:00 p.m.

Marvin Schmick called the Endicott meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Janet Leifer called the St John meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Greta White led the flag salute.

By the request of St John board member Valerie Brewer, Superintendent Schmick announced that director Brewer would be making a recording of this board meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Present from Endicott were Marvin Schmick, Nancy Anderson, Jamie Misner, Greta White and Debbie Schlomer. Present from St John were Janet Leifer, Alan Blumenshein, Shantyl McGuire, Jim Rogers and Valerie Brewer. Also present were Suzanne Schmick (Superintendent), Bruce Porubek (Endicott Principal), Mark Purvine (St John Principal) and Dana Crider (Business Manager). Guests at the meeting included Rod & Jay Mills, Riley Lamb, Maribeth Kjack, Laura & Keely Jones, Linda Greenhalgh, Michael Stubbs, Travis & Rachell Anderson, Chris Stach, Rick & Tammy Fox, Kelli Melhus, Harmon Smith, Heidi Hough, Sandy Martin, Becky Gonzalez, Lori Loomis, Jenn Johnson, Gary & Janet Luft.

**AGENDA/MINUTES**

Greta White moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to approve the board minutes of the April 24, 2017 work session, the board minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular meeting, the board minutes of the April 25, 2017 work session with the addition of Gary Luft in attendance, the board minutes of the May 15, 2017 special meeting, the board minutes of the May 15, 2017 work session with the addition of the meeting recording announcement, the board minutes of the May 16, 2017 work session with the addition of the meeting recording announcement and the agenda of the current meeting as amended: remove New Business #7 – Proposed SJEL Sports Cooperative Agreement. All Endicott board members agreed. Alan Blumenshein moved and Valerie Brewer seconded the motion to approve the board minutes of the April 24, 2017 work session, the board minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular meeting, the board minutes of the April 25, 2017 work session with the addition of Gary Luft in attendance, the board minutes of the May 15, 2017 special meeting, the board minutes of the May 15, 2017 work session with the addition of the meeting recording announcement, the board minutes of the May 16, 2017 work session with the addition of the meeting recording announcement and the agenda of the current meeting as amended: remove New Business #7 – Proposed SJEL Sports Cooperative Agreement. All St John board members agreed.

**GOOD NEWS ITEMS, COMMENTS**

Endicott teachers Tara Huntley and Jordyn Cook each received \$100 grants from STCU for classroom supplies. Middle School sports will be finishing up this week. Congratulations to all of the high school track athletes that qualified for state at EWU!

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Summary of questions and comments is as follows:

- Communication is key.
- Concern of finger pointing with athletic directors. Roles need to be clearly delineated.
- As a coach, loved having LaCrosse kids. Made our teams more competitive. Kids developed new friendships. Would like the practice in LaCrosse to end at 6 pm rather than 5:30 pm. Gives more time on the field/court. Feels cutting practice off at 5:30 pm is a parent issue rather than a kid issue. We have weeknight games farther away and get home much later. Getting home from practice in LaCrosse at 6:30 pm rather than 6:00 pm shouldn't be an issue.
- Board members should be supporting our teams/activities by attending events. Show you care.
- Kids are resilient – parents are having the issues over travel times.
- LaCrosse is asking for a place for their students to participate in athletics/activities. This is not a rescue mission nor is there a hidden agenda. Been discussing for over a year now, it's time to move forward. Not going to make everyone happy. Need to do what is best for kids.
- Didn't attend tonight's work session but left the last work session disappointed that more community members didn't speak. Our boards didn't speak up with LaCrosse. Fear that our boards are not going to speak up and fight for our kids like LaCrosse speaks up for their kids.
- Travelling issue is coming from elementary parents. When kids get to high school, you travel....it's normal. Kids adjust by doing homework on the bus.
- As a parent, are we thinking about the northern families and the students that choice into our district in regards to their travel distance? Our boards fail to stand up to LaCrosse. Why aren't we seeking out a town with numbers? Is it good business practice to give full voting rights to LaCrosse?
- Best part for kids is riding the bus.
- School is not a business. The school's job is to educate students and it is the boards' job to make sure the students are educated.
- Kids come first – schoolwork always comes before sports.
- As a parent, very embarrassed by boards. If the boards feel intimidated by LaCrosse then how are they going to make the sports board work? SJE/ESJ is not losing money. This is way less complicated than the boards are making it.
- Does not agree with what is going on, has own reasons for not wanting to join with LaCrosse. What's best for our kids? Going to lose support from community members who don't agree. Make the right decision for the right reasons.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

ENDICOTT – Jamie Misner moved and Debbie Schlomer seconded the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Approved were the May 2017: payroll warrants #30807735-30807762 in the amount of \$90,098.80 and direct deposit funds in the amount of \$53,428.70; the General Fund accounts payable warrants #30807763-30807813 in the amount of \$52,449.09; the ASB Fund accounts payable warrants #30807814-30807815 in the amount of \$416.34. Also approved: 2017-18 certificated staff contracts, 2017-18 classified letters of reasonable assurance and 2017-18 WIAA membership renewal. All Endicott board members agreed.

ST JOHN – Jim Rogers moved and Alan Blumenshein seconded the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Approved were the May 2017: payroll warrants #32209827-32209860 in the amount of \$113,981.12 and direct deposit funds in the amount of \$78,238.19; the General Fund accounts payable warrants #32209861-32209915 in the amount of \$46,184.23; the ASB Fund accounts payable warrants #32209916-32209932 in the amount of \$9,931.10. Also approved: 2017-18 certificated staff contracts, 2017-18 classified letters of reasonable assurance and 2017-18 WIAA membership renewal. All St. John board members agreed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shantyl McGuire moved and Jim Rogers seconded the motion to approve the 2017-18 classified contract for Peggy Curtis – St John Head Cook. All St John board members agreed.

Debbie Schlomer moved and Greta White seconded the motion to approve the Summer Programs Risk Management Analysis. All Endicott board members agreed. Valerie Brewer moved and Alan Blumenshein seconded the motion to approve the Summer Programs Risk Management Analysis. All St John board members agreed.

Superintendent Schmick provided information regarding Phase II of the Endicott construction project. Beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>, McKinstry will start replacing the heat pumps and updating the controls. We plan to issue bonds this summer along with borrowing funds from the general fund to finance the project. The funds borrowed from the general fund will be paid back with interest in November 2017.

SJE Policy & Procedure #6700 – Nutrition, Health & Physical Fitness was presented for the first reading. The policy and procedure will be presented for the second reading and approval at the June board meeting.

Principals Mark Purvine and Bruce Porubek provided results/recommendations from the Sports Self-Study Committee. The committee was formed as a result of the two public forums held in February. The Sports Self-Study Committee consists of members from both communities that represent elementary, middle school and high school. Members of the committee include: St John Principal Mark Purvine, Endicott Principal Bruce Porubek, SJE Athletic Director Darrell Miller, ESJ Athletic Director Billy Ray Jr. along with St John community members Bill Parrish, Dr. Lundberg, Heidi Hough and Endicott community members Tia Langston, Linda Greenhalgh and Steve Selk. The recommendations are as follows:

- Athletic director and/or principal will review Coaches Handbook expectations yearly with all coaches.
- Add language about bullying to the Coaches Handbook.
- Athletic director will discuss and set preseason goals with each coach.
- Athletic director will conduct three formal observations throughout the season for each head coach and use this information to complete an end of season evaluation.
- Look for opportunities to support student athletes and coaches in their efforts. Recommit to language and spirit articulated in SJE/ESJ Coaches Handbook in hiring and evaluation of athletic/activity programs.

Another item discussed was how to generate spirit and enthusiasm within the St John and Endicott communities. Superintendent Schmick commended all committee members for their time and work to put together the list of recommendations.

Greta White moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to approve the recommended revisions as presented by the Sports Self-Study Committee to the SJE/ESJ Coaches Handbook. All Endicott board members agreed. Jim Rogers moved and Alan Blumenshein seconded the motion to approve the recommended revisions, as presented by the Sports Self-Study Committee, to the SJE/ESJ Coaches Handbook. All St John board members agreed.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Porubek provided updates for the Endicott building including the upcoming spring band concert that will include five LaCrosse students, middle school boys basketball camp, 5<sup>th</sup> grade move-up day, 8<sup>th</sup> grade move-up day, 15 students participating in 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and spring field trips. Also, middle school football will participate in the high school's football practices June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Purvine provided updates for the St John building including the senior banquet, draft class schedule for 2017-18, preliminary SBA test results and job postings for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, athletic director and high school boys basketball coach. He also has reminded students to slow down when arriving/leaving school. Whitman County Sheriff's department will be participating in speed patrols between now and the end of school. Congratulations to Sherry Larson and Kay Riehle on their retirements!

Dana Crider provided May enrollment reports along with April financial reports for both districts. She also provided legislative updates as presented at WASBO.

### **COOPERATIVE BOARD MATTERS**

Participants of the WSSDA Spring Regional meeting provided information and updates to both boards.

Marvin Schmick acknowledged the guests and thanked them for attending.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jamie Misner moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to adjourn the Endicott board meeting. Marvin Schmick adjourned the Endicott meeting at 9:15 pm. Shantyl McGuire moved and Valerie Brewer seconded the motion to adjourn the St. John board meeting. Janet Leifer adjourned the St John meeting at 9:15 pm.

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Suzanne Schmick, Superintendent

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Janet Leifer, St. John Board Chair

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Marvin Schmick, Endicott Board Chair