

Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Chester-East Lincoln Community Consolidated School District No. 61 was called to order by Jeff Brooks at 6:00pm on Feb. 19, 2019 held in the Commons at CEL, 1300 1500th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

Roll Call Taken: Jeff Brooks, Jason Mauhar, Tish Podunajec, Heather Sasse, Brandi Splitter, Randy Wolf

Members Absent: Lori Birnbaum

Others: Supt. Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Recognition

None

Executive Session

A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Heather Sasse that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) for the purpose of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel of the public body to determine its validity and student discipline. Time - 6:00pm.

Ayes: J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Tish Podunajec that the Board of Education return to open session. Time - 6:43pm

Ayes: J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Heather Sasse, seconded by Randy Wolf to approve the Consent Agenda of all the items noted:

- a. Minutes from January 15, 2019
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Bills for January 2019
- d. Destruction of 19-month-old Closed Session tapes
- e. Hire(s)
 - Gary McCree, FT Bus Driver
 - Bo (Charles) Morris, Sub Bus Driver

Ayes: J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Randy Wolf, seconded by Jason Mauhar to approve Administrators Contract for Ashley Aper.

Ayes : J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays : None

Motion Carries

- b. A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Brandi Splitter approve Administrators Contract for Laura Irwin.

Ayes : J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays : None

Motion Carries.

New Business

- a. 2019 -2020 School Calendar (first reading) - A motion was made by Heather Sasse, seconded by Jason Mauhar to approve the 2019 - 2020 School Calendar.

Ayes: J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays; None

Motion Carries

Informational Items

- a. Alternative Learning Day/Emergency Day Update: Mrs. Irwin reported that they have had good feedback for the most part. A survey was sent out to the teachers and they are working on one for the parents. We have also networked with other districts that have been doing ALD's to make improvements. 95% of our students completed work, these days have pushed our junior high teachers to make a full transition to Google Classroom which has extended to 5th & 6th grade classrooms as well. Alternative Learning Days - 3, Emergency Days - 3, Currently, our last day of school is May 29.
- b. Kindergarten Roundup for 2019-2020: A flyer was sent home with our students and was posted on the website and on Lincoln Daily News. As of February 12, 2019, we have 25 Kindergarten students on our list. This is great news. Last year at this time, we had 13 students on our list.
- c. Spanish I at LCHS for 8th Grade Students in 2019-2020: Mr. Bagby presented this opportunity to the local superintendents. LCHS would like to offer 8th grade students the opportunity to take Spanish 1 at LCHS which means students that participate would graduate from high school with 5 years of Spanish. It sounds like it will be the last period of the day and would be an application process for interested students. This is in the early stages of the planning process.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Irwin informed the Board of the following items:

1. Total enrollment of 299 as of 2/19/19 (285 at the end of the year)
2. Annual National SAM Conference - This was paid for through a grant we are participating in. Jennifer and I attended it January 31 - February 2, 2019. It was the highest quality conference I have attended. Jennifer and I came back with a lot of ideas that we have been implementing and sharing with staff.
3. ESSA Conference - Under the same ROE grant, Ashley and I as well as Heather Murphy and Beth Polley attended the ESSA Conference this week. It was a great opportunity to network and learn from other districts.
4. Fuel Tank on School Grounds - We are continuing to move forward with the tank. We have met with Ameren, an electrician, and Doug from Ag-Land FS. It will sit next to the small shed. We are hoping to have it done soon.
5. 3rd Grade Swimming Program - We have a lot of great opportunities at CEL. One of those opportunities that I value and believe in is the 3rd grade swim program. I have been in contact with Lincoln College. They are willing to partner with us again this year so we can offer the program to our students.
6. March Teacher's Institute - Janet Moore, our math coach from ROE, will be working with our teachers. We will also have time to review our handbook as well. One of our priorities in ELA has been supporting our content area teachers so they have the knowledge and skills to incorporate ELA strategies in their content area (science and social studies).
7. Early Dismissal on February 20 - Michael and Suzanne Gowin will be coming on 2/20 to present on Trauma Informed Classroom Strategies to support our students and teachers. Most of our students have experienced trauma of some sort (abuse, death, divorce, poverty, etc) so it's important for our teachers to have a tool in the toolbox to support our students.
8. IASB : Abe Lincoln Division Meeting : March 5 at Blue Ridge High School, Farmer City.

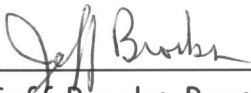
Adjournment

A motion was made by Heather Sasse seconded by Jason Mauhar, that the Board of Education Adjourn. Time 7 :10pm

Ayes: J. Brooks, J. Mauhar, T. Podunajec, H. Sasse, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries



Jeff Brooks, President
Chester-East Lincoln Board of Education



Brandi Splitter, Secretary
Chester-East Lincoln Board of Education