

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 Brandi Splitter at 6:00pm on Nov. 19, 2019 held in the Commons at CEL, 1300 1500th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

Roll Call Taken: Melissa Adams, Lynn Corley, Jason Mauhar, Brandi Splitter, Carrie Turner, Randy Wolf

Others: Supt. Laura Irwin

Members Absent: Heather Sasse

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session

A motion was made by Lynn Corley, seconded by Jason Mauhar that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act-5ILCS 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 - 6:01pm

Ayes: M. Adams, L. Corley, J. Mauhar, B. Splitter, C. Turner, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

A motion was made by Brandi Splitter, seconded by Carrie Turner that the Board of Education return to open session. Time - 6:16pm

Ayes: M. Adams, L. Corley, J. Mauhar, B. Splitter, C. Turner, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes from Oct 15, 2019
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Bills for October 2019
- d. Destruction of 19 month Old Closed Session Tapes

Ayes: M. Adams, L. Corley, J. Mauhar, B. Splitter, C. Turner, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries

New Business

- a. Seniority List - Mrs. Irwin informed the Board of the updated Seniority List; this is a first reading.
- b. Tentative Levy Presentation - Mrs. Irwin explained the Tax Levy to the Board. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will not need to be held, as that is only required when the proposed levy is more than 5% greater than the previous year's tax extension.

Informational Items

- a. Holiday Office Hours - The office will be closed over the break. Teresa will be in the office 1 day to do some reports that need to be done and to pick up the mail.
- b. E-Learning/ALD Update - The Memorandum of understanding was signed by the union and all required documents were sent to the ROE. An email was sent out to parents this week. Teachers have discussed the process with the students and all packets are in the student folders.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Irwin informed the Board of the following items:

1. Total enrollment of 289 as of 11/15/2019 (295 at the end of last year)
2. Culver's Night - Culver's nights are the 3rd Tuesday of the month during the school year. Please eat at Culver's after our Board meetings.
3. Extra-Curricular Activity Funding
 - a. Chicken Noodle Dinner - The dinner was on Oct. 21, 2019 at Mama's Arcade. We raised almost \$1,500.
 - b. CASH Raffle - CEL is having a CASH Raffle to support the Extra Curricular Activities at CEL. The winning ticket will be drawn at Family Spirit Night on December 5th. There will be (1) \$500 winner and (2) \$250 winners. Let me know if you would like to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$10 for 3.
 - c. CEL El Mazatlan Day - CEL had an El Maz Day on Nov. 13 to support the Extra Curricular Activity Fund. They donated 10% of the total sales back to CEL.

4. Christy Moore - Christy will be back Nov. 21 and Nov. 22. She will be spending time in classrooms observing and providing feedback to help us grow our instructional strategies.
5. Family Spirit Night - Family Spirit Night is Dec. 5th. This is a big night at CEL. There is a boys' basketball game, kiddie cheer clinic, book fair, cash raffle drawing and food. This is always a fun, action packed evening,
6. Parent Teachers Conferences - We had a good turnout for the PTC. Nearly all of our families attended with very positive feedback. Community Club with the support of other generous parents provided supper, drinks and snacks for the teachers both nights.
7. School Board Convention in Chicago (Nov 22-24) The School Board Convention is in November. Mrs. Irwin registered Lynn, Melissa and Brandi. Melissa is unable to attend so let her know if you are interested in attending. Mrs. Irwin will also be attending the conference. Hotel rooms for board members are reserved for Friday and Saturday night. The district pays for the conference registration, rooms, and on nice meal for the board members (typically lunch). Spouses are welcome but the district doesn't pay for their meal; however, they may still attend the conference as a board members guest. Mrs. Irwin has a list of hospitality rooms for attendees. This year we are staying at the Hyatt.
8. Community Club Update - Community Club recently did a detergent fund raiser and raised almost \$2000.
9. Challenger Learning Center - Our 7th grade students are going to the Challenger Learning Center on Nov. 25, 2019. This is an interactive, educational and FUN simulation where students work together to search for signs of water on Mars. Community Club sponsors this field trip (\$500) and Mrs. Murphy applied for a grant (\$385) which keeps the cost down for parents (\$10). A big thank you to Mrs. Murphy for applying for the grant and to Community Club for supporting it as well.
10. November 20: Early Dismissal - We have an early dismissal on Wednesday. Janet will be with us. In the morning she is observing/providing feedback/co-teaching and in the afternoon, she is doing 2 sessions for specific grade bands.
11. Upcoming Professional Development -
 - a. Heather Murphy and Jenelle Scott attended the Illinois Education and Technology Conference in Springfield this week. They are excited to bring back some new ideas (websites, desk request, etc.)
 - b. Mackenzi Jacobs, Beth Polley and Emilie Young are attending the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Schaumburg Dec 9-10.

This conference has some big name presenters (some of my favorites) and should be very informative and include high quality learning for them. This conference is covered by a grant Mackenzi applied for through the ROE.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lynn Corley, seconded by Brandi Splitter, that the Board of Education Adjourn. Time - 6:31pm

Ayes: M. Adams, L. Corley, J. Mauhar, B. Splitter, C. Turner, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries



Brandi Splitter, President
Chester-East Lincoln Board of Education



Jason Mauhar, Secretary
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