

## Minutes

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 6:02pm on May 16th, 2017, held in the Commons at CEL, 1300 1500<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

Roll Call Taken: Lori Birnbaum, Jeff Brooks, Brandi Splitter

Members Absent: Tish Podunajec, Randy Wolf

Others: Supt. Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance

### Appointment of New Board of Education Member

A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Brandi Splitter to appoint Heather Sasse to the Board of Education.

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Motion Carries

The Oath of Office was given to Mrs. Sasse.

### Public Recognition

None

### Executive Session

A motion was made Jeff Brooks, seconded by Lori Birnbaum 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 - 6:05pm.

Ayes: L, Birnbaum, J. Brooks, H. Sasse, B. Splitter

Nays: None

Motion Carries

A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Brandi Splitter that the Board of Education return to open session. Time - 7:10pm

Ayes: L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, H. Sasse, B. Splitter

Nays: None

Motion Carries

### Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Brandi Splitter, seconded by Jeff Brooks to approve the Consent Agenda of all the items noted: Minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting, Financial Reports, Bills for April 2017, Destruction of 19 month old Closed Session Tape.

Ayes: L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, H. Sasse, B. Splitter

Nays: None

Motion Carries

### Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Brandi Splitter, seconded by Lori Birnbaum to approve the CEL Parent/Student Handbook (second reading).

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Abstain: H. Sasse

Motion Carries

- b. A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Brandi Splitter to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution.

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Abstain: H. Sasse

Motion Carries

- c. A motion was made by Lori Birnbaum, seconded by Brandi Splitter to approve re-employment of Non-Certified Personnel

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Abstain: H. Sasse

Motion Carries

- d. A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Brandi Splitter to Table the approval of a District Special Education Position.

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, H. Sasse, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Motion Carries

- e. A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Lori Birnbaum to establish an open Board of Education seat. No candidates from East Lincoln or Orwin Townships.

Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, H. Sasse, B. Splitter

Nays : None

Motion Carries

### New Business

- A. Board Policy Updates: Mrs. Irwin explained that the updates were received from Press Plus.

- B. Set Date and Time for Hearing to Amend FY17 Budget: This will be held at 5:45pm on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### Informational Items

- A. Insurance: Mrs. Irwin informed the Board that she met with employees on April 27<sup>th</sup> regarding insurance options. Blue Cross Blue Shield was the most reasonable and there are 3 options to choose from. Vision and Dental coverage did not change.
- B. Graduation: Graduation will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### Administrator's Report

Mrs. Irwin informed the Board of the following items:

1. Total enrollment of 298 as of 5/09/17 (302 at the end of the year)
2. Uniform Update: Mrs. Irwin informed the Board that new uniforms have been ordered and received for both Boys and Girl Basketball
3. Pre-school Screening: Mrs. Irwin reported that letters went out on 4/28 to those that got into the program. Deposits are due by 5/12. The program is full again this year and there is a waiting list.
4. Spring Fling Update: The Spring Fling was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This encompasses a variety of events on one night - Book Fair, Art Show, Spring Concert for grades 4 - 8, Awards Night for grades 5 - 8, and an Avanti's Gondola Fundraiser, in which over \$1000 was raised. Mrs. Irwin thanked all that were involved in helping with the event.
5. Graduation: Graduation will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
6. Scholastic Bowl Regionals: CEL hosted the tournament on April 26<sup>th</sup>, with 5 teams participating. The event was organized well and had a lot of support from CEL employees that helped make it possible.
7. El Mazatlan Day: This was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and \$400 was raised for the extracurricular fund.
8. Culver's Night: This is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
9. Christy Moore: Christy Moore, who worked with the teachers this year as a literacy coach, will be here June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, she will be providing writing training as well as assisting with ELA curriculum mapping for grades 1 - 5. Left over title money will be used to fund this training.
10. Waiver Request: Mrs. Irwin received an email on May 1, notifying CEL that the waiver for district employees to bring their non-district children tuition free to CEL was approved.
11. Math Kick Start 2017: CEL received a grant again this year for the Math Kick Start Summer Program for the Elk's. Mrs. Nunn applied for the grant and does an excellent job reviewing data and talking to the teachers to decide what students would benefit most from the program. This year the program will be 2 weeks in July and offered to students in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
12. Gym Floor: With money left in O&M the gym floor will be sanded all the way down and repainted in FY17, this will be an unusually high cost this year.
13. Benchmark Data Report: Mrs. Irwin presented a slide show on the Benchmarking data from AIMS Web and MAP.

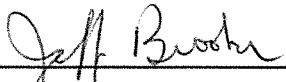
**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Tish Podunajec, seconded by Brandi Splitter that the Board of Education Adjourn. Time 7 :18pm

Ayes: L. Birnbaum, T. Podunajec, B. Splitter, R. Wolf

Nays: None

Motion Carries



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Jeff Brooks, President  
Chester-East Lincoln Board of Education



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Brandi Splitter, Secretary  
Chester-East Lincoln Board of Education