

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 6:00pm on February 20, 2018, held in the Commons at CEL, 1300 1500th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

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

Members Absent: Tish Podunajec, Heather Sasse

Others: Supt. Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Recognition

None

Executive Session

A motion was made Jeff Brooks, seconded by Randy Wolf 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 - 6:02pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries

A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Randy Wolf that the Board of Education return to open session. Time - 6:20pm

Ayes: L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, 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 16, 2018
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Bills for January 2018
- d. Destruction of 19-month-old Closed Session tapes
- e. Resignation(s)

- a. Jason Toft (Girls Basketball Coach and Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach)

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries »

Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Brandi Splitter, seconded by Randy Wolf to approve the Administrator's Contract for Ashley Aper
Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter, R. Wolf
Nays : None
Motion Carries
- b. A motion was made by Jeff Brooks, seconded by Randy Wolf, to approve the Resolution to join the « The Purchasing Cooperative » Discussion was held.
Ayes : L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, B. Splitter, R. Wolf
Nays : None
Motion Carries

New Business

- a. 2018 - 2019 School Calendar (first reading) - Mrs. Irwin explained that the local Superintendents worked together to make a calendar that is similar throughout Logan County.

Informational Items

- a. Snow days - There have been 2 snow days used, we will make 1 up on March 30th, and the other up on May 25th. The tentative last day of school will be May 25th.
- b. Kindergarten Round-up: Mrs. Irwin informed the board that a flyer was sent home regarding Kindergarten Round-up. Currently we have 13 kindergarten students on our list.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Irwin informed the Board of the following items:

1. Total enrollment of 299 as of 2/14/18 (298 at the end of the year)
2. IASB : Abe Lincoln Division Meeting will be held on March 6 at Clinton USB 15.
3. Professional Development Update -
 - a. Feb 14 Early Dismissal -
 - i. 12 :30 - 1 :00 Staff Meeting in Commons
 - ii. 1 :00 - 3 :00
 1. PreK - 4 Teachers - Lexia Training with Mrs. Aper in Room 122
 2. 5 - 8 Teachers - Technology Tips and Tricks with Ms. Howard in Room 143.
 3. Science Committee will meet from 2 :00 - 3 :00
 - iii. March 16 Teacher's Institute - We are continuing to learn the importance of unpacking the standards, creating strong assessments, and using the results to meet the needs of every learner. Debra from ROE, will be working with the teachers.

4. Food Service Update -

- a. Smarter Lunchroom Assessment : On January 24, the University of Illinois Extension Office completed a Smarter Lunchroom Assessment. This assessment will help us evaluate and improve our current breakfast and lunch program. The assessment is free and suggested strategies are low to no cost.
- b. The ABC 's of School Nutrition - Marybeth and Mrs. Irwin attended this free workshop at the ROE on Jan 19. It was a great networking opportunity, and we brought back some good ideas.
 - i. Flavor Station - for 5th - 8th grade lunch, we are now offering salt-free seasonings to add to their food - ranch, cajun, Mrs. Dash.
 - ii. Celebrity Lunch - for the K - 4th grade lunch, we will be offering a celebrity lunch to encourage the students to make good choices, try new things, etc. The students will have the opportunity to earn tickets throughout the week, and on Thursdays, we will draw 6 tickets. Those students will have the opportunity to eat with a CEL employee or community member, etc.
- c. Heated Holding Cabinet - a new holding cabinet for food was purchased. The current holding cabinet does not have a heating element which makes it difficult to keep the food warm. The new one will keep the food at safe temperatures as well as maintain the flavor and appearance of the food.

5. Pollinator Pocket - CEL is partnering with Dr. Campbell, retired from Lincoln College but is the director at the Creekside Environmental Center, to participate in the Pollinator Pocket Program, which is offered by the University of Illinois Extension Office. This is an excellent opportunity to spruce up our courtyard. A preliminary meeting with Dr. Campbell was held on Jan 23 to discuss the space, the grant and the future plan.

6. Immanuel Lutheran Church - CEL applied for grant from the Legacy Committee of Immanuel Lutheran Church to purchase a new server computer to run the current camera software. We have one camera which was installed at the time of renovation. In the future, we would like to increase the number of cameras at CEL to improve security. This is the first step to make it possible. We received a \$500 donation to go towards that computer. Mrs. Irwin would like to publically thank Immanuel Lutheran Church for their support.

7. 3rd Grade Swimming Program - Mrs. Irwin informed the Board that there are a lot of great opportunities at CEL, one of those opportunities that she values and believes in is the 3rd grade swim program. She has 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.

8. Team Lead - CEL was selected to participate in a grant opportunity offered by the ROE. Mrs. Aper and Mrs. Irwin attended a meeting on Feb 6 to learn more about it and have agreed to participate. We will receive a variety of training at no cost to become leaders. CEL will also receive \$5,000 per year to support our PLC/ILT work.

9. PARCC Schedule - PARCC testing starts March 5, and will be done before Spring Break.

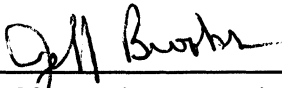
Adjournment

A motion was made by Randy Wolf, seconded by Brandi Splitter that the Board of Education Adjourn. Time 6 :50pm

Ayes: L. Birnbaum, J. Brooks, 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