



# Ephrata School District

## Minutes

### Test Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Friday February 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

#### **Location**

This is for testing purposes only on the new system, I am duplicating the February meeting. I need you to indicate whether or not you were at the real meeting so when I do the minutes I can pull in the correct names for recording purposes. Thank you

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#### **Directors Present**

Allison Razey, Casey Devine, James Adams, Ken Murray, Mike Fleurkens

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

Aaron Cummings, Cathy Wulf, Charles Flynn, Roberto Araujo, Sarah Morford

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Ken Murray called a meeting of the board of directors of Ephrata School District to order on Friday Feb 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

#### **C.**

## Flag Salute

## II. Action Items

### A. Consent Agenda

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Casey Devine seconded the motion.

#### i. Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2025

#### ii. Hires

- a. Issela Navarro, 6.5 Hr Para at Columbia Ridge
- b. Casey Miller, EHS Assistant Fastpitch Coach
- c. Samantha Bair, 7.25 Para at Grant School
- d. Larry Redfield, EHS Assistant Boys Golf Coach
- e. Lauren Rathbone, EHS Assistant Girls Golf Coach

#### iii. Donations

- a. BSN is donating new dumbbells for the weight room, value of \$954, because the current weight room equipment we ordered through the grant is delayed.
- b. Weinstein Beverage, \$5,273.57 to purchase a new scoreboard for the JV baseball field. The current JV scoreboard is 30 years old and in need of replacement.
- c. Tiger Boosters, \$2,400 to help purchase new backstop padding for the baseball and softball fields. Total estimated cost is \$5,145.21. The remaining will be covered by EHS Extracurricular.

#### iv. Surplus Items

EHS Track Pole Vault: Complete pit with all pads including top cover, condition of pit is in poor condition

EHS Track High Jump: Complete high jump pit with all pads including top cover, condition of pit is average and can be used for competition

EHS Wrestling Mats: Condition of wrestling mats is poor and have been taken to the dump

Transportation:

Buses:

- Bus 2 - 2006 Blue Bird - Type D (estimated value \$1500) Miles: 264,174 Vin: 1BABNBKA26F234376
- Bus 3 - 2004 Thomas - Type D (estimated value \$1500) Miles: 268,704 Vin: 1T7YT4C2241137250
- Bus 34 – 2000 Blue Bird - Type C (estimated value \$1200) Miles: 238,196 Vin: 1HVBBAAL8YH355359

Vehicles:

- #126 - 2005 Chevy Suburban (estimated value \$2500) Miles: 190,225 Vin: 3GNFK16Z55G120807

· #132 – 2001 Dodge Intrepid (estimated value \$500) Miles: 122,558 Vin: 2B3HD46R11H707059

**v, Accounts Payable & Payroll**

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Consider Out of State Travel for Parkway LEGO Robotics Team**

Casey Devine made a motion to Approve Out of State Travel for Parkway LEGO Robotics Team.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

Parkway LEGO Robotics coaches, Rachel Boruff and Julie Jenne, along with 10 students representing Parkway School, requested approval to attend a national competition in New Jersey on May 17-18, 2025. This event will provide students with a valuable opportunity to visit the Liberty Science Center, home to the largest planetarium in the United States. Beyond robotics, the LEGO Robotics program emphasizes STEM education, teamwork, and future readiness.

Five parents have volunteered as chaperones to ensure student safety throughout the trip. Funding for the coaches and students is available through the Extra-Curricular budget, while chaperones will be responsible for covering their own expenses.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Approve Quote for High School Kitchen Panel Upgrade**

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to Approve Quote for High School Kitchen Panel Upgrade.

Casey Devine seconded the motion.

At the October 2024 regular meeting, the Board approved quotes for electrical upgrades at Grant Elementary, Parkway Intermediate, and Ephrata High School. During the High School project, it was discovered that the existing electrical panel needed full replacement, as its breakers were obsolete and irreplaceable. Holmes updated their original quote to include the new panel, increasing the cost by approximately \$5,000.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Approve Renewal of the District Firewall and Content Filter**

Casey Devine made a motion to Approve Renewal of the District Firewall and Content Filter.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The Technology Department requests approval for renewal of the district firewall and content filtering through Cruxial Technology Group. This is an annual recurring expense for Primary and Secondary Fortigate 600E Firewalls as well as the 200F FortiAnalyzer which handles all the analytics of the firewalls. The total renewal cost

is \$17,043 + Tax. The renewal was quoted using the OMNIA cooperative purchasing agreement.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**E. Accept High Demand CTE Grant - \$20,000**

Casey Devine made a motion to Accept High Demand CTE Grant - \$20,000.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

Ephrata School District was recently awarded \$20,000 to develop or upgrade high-demand career and technical programs. These funds will be used to update one of the four business labs at Ephrata High School. The grant was written to address equipment upgrades to the Computer Science program that offers courses such as Cybersecurity, Video Game Design, and Intro to Computer Science. In the 2025-26 school years, students will also have the option to enroll in two new courses, including Introduction to Engineering and AI Essentials. These courses address workforce needs in high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand industries. According to labor market projections, IT careers such as information security analysts, software developers, and computer and information systems managers are growing at rates of 20-30%, significantly above the national average for job growth.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**F. Accept Perkins Reserve Grant - \$30,000**

Casey Devine made a motion to Accept Perkins Reserve Grant - \$30,000.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The Ephrata School District was recently awarded \$30,000 through the Perkins Reserve Grant to support approved CTE activities. These funds will be used to support Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) in the district. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Clubs such as Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Health Science Professionals (HOSA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National FFA Association, Technology Student Association (TSA) & Skills USA empower students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Funds will be used to pay for registration and travel expenses to state and national conferences in 2025.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**G. Approve Dell Computer Lab Purchase**

Casey Devine made a motion to Approve Dell Computer Lab Purchase.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

This computer lab will replace one of the four business labs at EHS in the CTE Department. Career and Technical Education (CTE) plays a critical role in preparing students for high-demand careers by providing hands-on learning experiences that mirror real-world industry settings. To maintain the highest level of career readiness, it is essential that CTE programs have access to up-to-date equipment and technology that align with current industry standards. This lab will be acquired through the NASPO

purchasing contract, eliminating the need for additional quotes. Funding will come from CTE funds, supplemented by the High Demand CTE Grant.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **H. Approve Purchase Through the Expanding Health Science in the High School Grant**

Mike Fleurkens made a motion to Approve Purchase Through the Expanding Health Science.

Casey Devine seconded the motion.

The district recently was awarded a \$95,000 Expanding Health Science in Health Science Grant and the Health Science Department would like to purchase some human body models for their classrooms with these funds. They would be purchased using the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract. Director Fleurkens made a motion to approve the purchase through the Expanding Health Science in the High School Grant for \$18,32917.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **I. Approve Student Chromebook Purchase**

Casey Devine made a motion to Approve Student Chromebook Purchase.

Mike Fleurkens seconded the motion.

The IT Department would like to order 600 student Chromebooks with Hard Cases and 3 Year Warranties (Including Accidental Damage) for the coming school year.

These Chromebooks are part of our annual refresh to support the district learning model.

The district needs to replace approximately 25% each year to maintain the 1:1 device program for students. This purchase was quoted using the WSIPC Purchasing Contract.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **III. Non-Action Items**

#### **A. Budget Report**

Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed the budget report with the board.

#### **B. February is CTE Month**

#### **C. Superintendent Report**

1. Congratulations to our EHS wrestlers who competed last weekend at the Mat Classic. Our Girls Wrestling team placed 7th overall. We sent 9 girls to the tournament with 5 making it onto the podium. Adylene Sanchez came home a state champion in her weight class. 4 other girls came home with state medals as well, Jasmine Hernandez (4th), Carolina Monico (4th), Alexandra Estrada Rangel (6th) and Rayn Castillo (6th). Our boys team sent 4 wrestlers as well.

2. Thank you Ephrata community for once again supporting our schools with a 66.33% approval vote of our recent levy.

3. We are continuing our work on safety and security around the district.

Grant's new roof has a plugged drain

Grant's new secure vestibule is making progress, we need to update and upgrade some door hardware

EHS secure vestibule is complete and implementation has begun and we are upgrading the cameras and intercom system

Parkway we are in the process of finalizing some door upgrades

Columbia Ridge has a transition issue from the black top to the playground area, new concrete will be put in as soon as weather permits

4. Community facility study work continues. We will have three meeting between now and the end of the school year. A community facility study group survey will begin 3/3/25 to help understand the what the community feels is important in the future of our facilities.

#### **D. Legislative Update**

Special Education Funding: SB 5263 and HB 1310, both addressing special education funding, are progressing through the legislature. SB 5263 is scheduled for an executive session with the Senate Ways and Means Committee this week, while HB 1310 is set for a hearing with the House Appropriations Committee on February 27. This progress is an encouraging sign for continued movement through the session. SB 5307, another special education bill introduced earlier, has seen no movement since January and is likely to stall, possibly due to amendments incorporated into SB 5263.

MSOC Funding: SB 5192, concerning school district Maintenance, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOCs), is advancing and scheduled for an executive session with the Senate Ways and Means Committee on February 27. Local Senator Judy Warnick, a member of this committee, has received an advocacy email from Director Fleurkens emphasizing the need for increased MSOC funding. Additionally, HB 1338, a more favorable bill that moves closer to fully funding MSOCs, is also in consideration. Director Fleurkens has sent similar advocacy emails to Representative Ibarra and Representative Dent.

#### **E. First Reading of Policy/Procedure**

3210/3210P Nondiscrimination

5005 Employment Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assuarances and Approval

5010/5010P Nondiscrimination Affirmative Action

5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited

6106P Allowable Costs for Federal Programs

6600 Transportation

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Adams