

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**July 27, 2020**

**Executive Session 6:00 p.m.      Public Session 7:00 p.m.  
Special Meeting for General Purposes**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:48 p.m. for Personnel and Legal matters.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the School Board of the East Allegheny School District is called to order by Mr. John Savinda, the president, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Eichler, Dr. King, Mr. Paradine, Mr. Pearsol, Mr. Pusey, Ms. Rosenbayger, Mr. Savinda, Miss Thomas, Mr. Volpe.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Johnson, Ms. Valicenti.  
Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF JULY 13, 2020**

Ms. Rosenbayger moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion approving the minutes of the special school board meeting on July 13, 2020.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Phased Reopening Plan Powerpoint, including the transition from 2019-2020 emergency remote learning to 2020-2021 virtual learning.

**HEAR FROM  
THE CITIZENS**

Ms. Rosenbayger moved and Mr. Paradine seconded the motion to dispense with the regular order of business to hear from the citizens.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESUME THE  
REGULAR ORDER  
OF BUSINESS**

Miss Thomas moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion to resume the regular order of business.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

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**APPROVE AGENDA  
IN TOTO**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion to approve the agenda as a whole, with exceptions as noted.

Eichler	<u>None.</u>
King	<u>None.</u>
Paradine	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Pearsol	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Pusey	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Rosenbayger	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Savinda	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Thomas	<u>Budget &amp; Finance: Letter B</u>
Volpe	<u>None.</u>

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**APPROVE PURCHASE  
OF EDGENUITY CYBER  
EDUCATION PROGRAM (A)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the purchase of Digital Libraries gr. 6-12 All Site License, including Professional Development training through Edgenuity, Inc, Scottsdale, AZ to provide their cyber education program at a cost of \$20,500.00 for the 2020-2021 School year, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no0 dissenting votes.

**APPROVE SAFETY  
AND SECURITY COMPETITIVE  
GRANT FUND ALLOCATIONS (B)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the use of Safety and Security Competitive grant funds as allocated per application, including the hiring of two additional school administrators for up to two years with funding that will not exceed \$449,708.00.

**ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:**

On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Eichler, King, No: Paradine, Pearsol, Pusey, Rosenbayger, Savinda, Thomas, Volpe.

Yes 3  
No: 6

The motion failed.

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**There are no Building and Grounds requests at this time.**

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**CURRICULUM**

**There are no Curriculum requests at this time.**

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**POLICY**

**There are no Policy requests at this time.**

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**APPROVE DISTRICT  
PHASED SCHOOL  
REOPENING AND  
HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN (A)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the District Phased School Reopening and Health & Safety Plan, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE ATHLETIC  
VOLUNTEER (B)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Christopher Bucar, Mckeesport, as a volunteer for the JSBS Football program, effective immediately.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**PERSONNEL**

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION  
GIRLS' VARSITY  
ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL  
COACH (A)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the resignation from Ms. Jennifer Miller from her position as Girls' Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective immediately, and further authorize the posting of this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF  
TECHNOLOGY COACH (B)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board reassign Mrs. Holly Spallone to the Technology Coach position and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. Further authorize the posting and advertisement of Mrs. Spallone's vacated position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF THIRD  
GRADE TEACHER (C)**

Mr. Paradine moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Isabella Baverso, North Versailles, Third Grade Teacher, Master's degree, Step 1, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

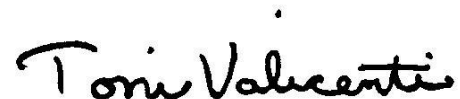
Thank you to all administrators and teachers for hard work on plan development.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. King moved and Miss Thomas seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Toni Valicenti



Board Secretary

**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

1. Kim Miller: Suggest a meet the teachers day/night
2. Steve Manz: Why the state of panic and why can't there be an option for parents who work and want kids to go to school?
3. Julie Cochran: Will there be more than just google classrooms? Recorded and live lessons? Answer: Yes, recorded and live.
4. Ann Runion: How about students in smaller numbers in classrooms? Answer: need more rooms & faculty to accommodate this. Alternate option suggestion: Kids come certain days and work with teachers on projects.
5. Jacqueline [ast name not listed]: During the Spring, parents had to go online and be available for lessons and meetings, but I work and am not able to do so at specific times. Possibility for kids to fail if unable to attend at specific times? Answer: correct intervention and resources
6. Parent questions regarding Forbes CTC-- Mr. Paradine spoke for Mr. Pearsol. Forbes will be providing in-person instruction. Students can be transported by parents to the school for in-person instruction or online instruction will be provided. Forbes will work with the students to accommodate. Mr. Johnson will follow up with Forbes CTC for specific reopening plan.
7. Don Mac Fann: spoke of plan, students, teachers & community members; there will be professional development, instruction and virtual learning.
8. Cortney Verner: Extend gratitude to staff, students, community. Plan sounds positive, work in progress. Appreciate extensive, diversity, fit needs, response to all need basis. Sports and activities- is this going to be revised due to us being virtual. A.Johnson: Answer: Right now, continuing with athletics, socialization. PIAA-nothing new at this time.
9. Mary Ellen Cahill-Is there any way this plan to be re-evaluated and go-to blended sooner. Are we requiring students to log in each day-more structure? Yes. -Watch on daily basis.
10. Ryan Conley-start structured time for K-6? More flexibility-yes also recorded sessions can replay.

Chat log from virtual meeting will be reviewed and responded to by Administration.

TV: Notes regarding Budget & Finance, Letter B discussion:

CR motioned and Mr. Pearsol seconded to table motion.

Mr. Johnson: If want to reconsider this motion, someone that voted no would have to bring up at August meeting.

AE: I planned on voting yes for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

MP: Mr. Eichler, you're not voting down third grade teacher, but you want grant

AE: voting down half million dollars

JS- How grant is written, not properly written, you portraying not 100% accurate

RK: Role of Assistant Principals are changing, leaders are collaborating with teachers, achievement efforts to support and improve—not traditional

DB: Vote on tonight, revisit in August

CR: Find out from state what is permitted. Table. Job descriptions needed, after 2 years do we need to retain positions?

RK: Assistant Principal to provide instructional supervision. Restorative practice follow-up

DB: outline language to state? And wait until August.

CR: Based on state, will not do anything until we find out for sure

AJ: Dean of students are teachers on special assignments; move back into classroom and utilize restorative practice training

SV: I'm for the grant, use for two years.

MPusey: Against the grant, need guidance

AE: \$450,000 financially strapped, need to have opportunity for positions for extra help. Test scores, student supports. Light on administrators, wear many hats, limited term jobs

CR: not for students