

Board Briefs

December 2009

An informal report from Eudora Board of Education regular meetings

The following are highlights of discussion and action from the board meeting on December 10, 2009.

CONSENT ITEMS. All items listed on the agenda were approved without discussion.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES UPDATE. Don Swartz reported projects at the high school are moving along well. Bids for the middle school roof were today. The board approved a bid from American Roofing which came in lower than our estimate.

Turner Construction will meet with Don next week to discuss a possible budget proposal for the stadium. ATG will meet with Don and representatives from the city and county next week to discuss the stadium project. Proposal should be ready for the February board meeting.

CURRICULUM REPORT. Annual Assessment Report was presented by Marla Johnson and representatives from each of the buildings.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT. Don Grosdidier updated the board on the H1N1 clinics that were coordinated with the Douglas County Health Department. Close to 1000 immunizations were administered at clinics held at our schools. We are working with the Health Department to schedule second clinics for children under ten years of age, who require a booster immunization.

Don reported on the November 14 community health fair and commented that we have several staff members that not only participate in the planning process of the event, but also offer informational services at the fair as well.

Don presented information to the board regarding the Schools for Fair Funding Coalition.

Race to the Top Funds discussion included input from staff members, Matt Bova and Heather Lawrence, ENEA representatives. They expressed concerns about proceeding with the application until more information about the program is known.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OP REPORT. Belinda Rehmer reported that EHS and Baldwin High School students offered a robotics demonstration. Results

from the recent efficiency study indicate that system in place is working well. Work will be done to make interlocal agreement more understandable.

Strategic Planning Update. Bart Swartz updated the board on the strategic planning process. Seventy people were directly involved in planning and developing the Strategic Plan, which offers clear, measurable objectives for the next three years. Target areas include: Technology, Facilities/Operations/Maintenance, Student Learning and Whole Child Education, Human Resources and PD and Community Partnership and Communication.

Mentor Program. Don gave a historical background of the program. Through work by a district mentoring committee, the current Mentoring Program was enhanced to include building level mentors.

Budget Impact from Reduction in State Aid. Don reviewed budgetary information with the board providing information on the cuts that have been made, what we have done and what might be expected in the future.

Principal Search and Selection. Dale Sample has shared with his staff that he will be retiring at the end of the school year. Don reviewed the search process to fill this position with the board.