The Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Board of Directors met at the District Office on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm for a Public Hearing and Board Work session. Visitors in attendance: Ann Ohms, Nathan Hinton and Nick Batterson.

Call to Order: President Houk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Ed Glenn, present; Eric Klyn, present; Lara Vandello, present; Micah Van Mersbergen, present; Tom Judy, present; Tyrone Lobberecht, present via phone call, and Curt Houk, present. Quorum established.

Public Hearing: President Houk opened the public hearing on the FCS Remodeling Project and the Blakesburg Elementary Kitchen Addition at 6:00 p.m. Comments were heard from Nathan Hinton and Nick Batterson. Public hearing closed at 6:27 p.m.

Board Work Session: The first topic discussed in this work session was the school calendar for 2023-24 with the snow make up days accounted for and next year's school calendar with four examples reviewed that included different start dates and with or without a Spring break.

Discussion then moved to capital projects and finance. Discussion was held on short term and long term goals for the district, financial accountability, tax rates and the possibility of offering an early retirement in the next year or two.

There are numerous issues this legislative session that will have a great impact on the direction of all school districts this year. Some of these legislative topics include student start date, SSA, teacher minimum salary, absenteeism, 3rd grade retention, and fully funded preschool.

The last two topics for the work session were setting the date for the IPIB work session and the viewing of a Yondr pouch that is used to lock a cell phone inside to address cell phone disruptions happening in the classrooms.

Adjourn: Vandello moved and Judy seconded to adjourn board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Curt Houk Board President Mary McCrea
Board Secretary