Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2025

The Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Board of Directors met at the District Office in Eddyville on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting. Visitors in attendance: Jonathan Edge, Deserae Sanders, Ann Ohms, Nick Batterson, and others who did not sign in.

Call to Order:

President Houk called the meeting of the EBF Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Ed Glenn – present; Eric Klyn – present; Brianne Batterson – present; Micah Van Mersbergen – present; Tom Judy – present; Tyrone Lobberecht – present; Curt Houk – present. Quorum established.

Public Forum:

Jonathan Edge spoke regarding open enrollment and building selection.

Correspondence:

None.

Approve Agenda:

Glenn moved, and Batterson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports & Presentations:

April Glosser, Curriculum Director; Scott Williamson, Superintendent; and Jordan Buell, Jr/Sr High Principal, presented their reports to the board. Reports from the elementary building principals and the Director of Special Services were submitted but not read aloud.

Consent Items:

Glenn moved, and Klyn seconded, to approve consent items 6a through 6c(vi): minutes from July 21, 2025; account balances as of July 31, 2025; August bills list; and the following board policies: 211 – Agenda and Order of Regular Meeting Business; 212 – Public Participation in Board Meetings; 213 – Board Minutes and Records; 214 – Complaints; 215 – Conflict of Interest; and the second reading of board policy 564 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Judy moved, and Glenn seconded, to approve the following hires: Samuel Bahler, 5th/6th Grade Teacher at Fremont Elementary; Sandra Clayton, Eddyville Elementary Secretary; Clayton Osterloh, Mechanic for the Vehicle Maintenance Department; Nathan Smith, ELL Teacher; Kathryn Gutch, Special Education Teacher at Jr/Sr High (starting in December); and Zoey Nichols, Para Educator at Jr/Sr High. Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations.

Action Items:

 Van Mersbergen moved, and Klyn seconded, to approve the following contracts and agreements: Balance Autism Agreement (August 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025); Shred-It for monthly shredding services; and K Repair, bus maintenance services for August and September 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- Van Mersbergen moved, and Glenn seconded, to approve the Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler & Co. for Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
- Glenn moved, and Lobberecht seconded, to approve the Board Resolution for \$4,080,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2025. Roll call vote: Glenn yes; Klyn yes; Batterson yes; Van Mersbergen yes; Judy yes; Lobberecht yes; Houk yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Van Mersbergen moved, and Judy seconded, to approve the Board Resolution directing the sale of \$4,080,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2025.
 Roll call vote: Glenn yes; Klyn yes; Batterson yes; Van Mersbergen yes; Judy yes; Lobberecht yes; Houk yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Capital Projects: Superintendent Williamson updated the board on parking and road closures for the beginning of the school year.

A special board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office to authorize issuance of the bonds.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, at the District Office in Eddyville.

A committee for building selection was created, with Glenn, Batterson, and Van Mersbergen appointed. President Houk appointed Van Mersbergen as chair. The committee will review current open enrollment guidelines and building placement procedures.

The board reviewed open enrollments. Glenn requested that the board revisit and discuss current open enrollment procedures and guidelines, he would like to see some flexibility for certain situations. The committee agreed to meet at the conclusion of this meeting.

Current open positions include: Junior High Interventionist at the Jr/Sr High; Custodian (Evening Shift) at the Jr/Sr High; Regular Route Driver; Daycare Associate; and Substitutes for all positions.

Coaching/supplemental positions include: 9th Grade Baseball Coach; Wrestling Cheer Coach; Volleyball Assistant Coach; 9th Grade Volleyball Coach; Jr. High Boys Basketball Coaches (2); Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Basketball Cheer Coach; Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach; and Boys & Girls Golf Coach.

Adjournment:

Batterson moved, and Klyn seconded, to adjourn the board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Curt Houk

Board President

Mary McCrea
Board Secretary