AGENDA

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 21, 2021

BOARD MEETING

The Commissioner of Education assumed authority over the Earle School district on November 6, 2017. The Commissioner of Education acts in lieu of a local school board until such time that a school board is reinstated.

<u>Reports</u>

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- 2. Fiscal
 - a. Board Report

Action Items

- 1. Recommendation to approve resignation of 2 licensed employees
- 2. Resolution FY 22-01, approval of salary increases five percent or higher for FY21
- 3. Recommendation to approve SY 22 Pandemic Pay Plan
- 4. Recommendation to approve annual authorization of District to use EFT for payment
- Recommendation to approve Resolution for Local Support of 2022 6-Year Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications 2023/2025 Biennium
- Recommendation to approve the sale of 8 school buses that are at the end of their mechanical and safety use at a public sale

REPORTS

REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Report Earle School District September 20, 2021

Academics

Solution Tree Associates, Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative Specialists, and the Office of Coordinated Support and Service team members have been on both campuses and at the district office during August and September as we strategize to help our students achieve success. We have disaggregated data, collaborated, observed, and planned as a team as we focus on our mission to provide leadership, resources, and support that fosters an environment which enables every student to graduate prepared for the next phase of life.

Human Capital

We are very proud of the status of our teacher workforce at Earle School District for SY21/22. We were able to acquire a motivated, energized, excited staff this year. It has taken some hard work, planning, and adjusting to get us here and we are ready to rock and roll. Each of our teachers has a standard or provisional license with the exception of five Long Term Substitutes (who may have license but not in the subject area they are teaching). We only have four year-one teachers. Therefore, we believe that we are moving toward the low end of teacher turnover and finding qualified and certified teachers to teach our students.

We did have had two teachers resign since we began our school year. We are working with Arkansas State University to explore the possibility of using student interns to help fill our needs.

We contracted with Proximity Learning for math and science classes that we were unable to hire teachers in to ensure we have certified teachers. The partnership has not gone without problems. We are still working out the bugs to ensure our students have qualified teachers.

Student Support

Leadership and teachers have disaggregated data to determine how we can better support students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of learning. PLCs meet three times per week and students are receiving interventions they need to help them succeed.

Our 7th grade students and parents had a meeting this month to ensure expectations are understood by all.

Stakeholder Communication

We were so excited to host a district-wide parent night this month! Students whose parents were present were awarded PBIS points. Parents were so excited to learn their children got points for their participation and shared over social media about the event. We had several positive comments.

The Grandparents Day celebrations at each campus were a big hit. The elementary students shared their thanks to their grandparents on social media.

Fiscal Operations

We have worked weekly with the fiscal unit on budget planning. The federal coordinator, assistant bookkeeper-accounts payable, assistant bookkeeper-human resources, and I have met together weekly to determine our budget needs. We will work to finalize the budget in the next two weeks and have a special called board meeting for approval of the budget.

Facilities

We had our master plan meeting this month and devised a plan for upcoming capital projects. The HVAC project will be completed in three phases over the next three years. Our next major project we plan to present for prior approval is a new roof for the high school. More information will be shared in regard to this prospective project next month.

REPORT

FISCAL

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EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
DETAILED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR PERIODS 1 THROUGH 2 OF 22

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Recommendation to approve resignation of two licensed employees

Action Item #1	Recommendation to approve resignation of two certified employees
Background Information:	Courtney Passmore, High School ELA Teacher and LaTasha Williams, Elementary Special Education Teacher, have submitted letters of resignation. They have been accepted by the Superintendent.
Attachment(s)X Yes No	Letters of resignation
Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	N/A
Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve the resignations of the certified employees.
Commissioner's Decision: Approve Recommendation Return item for more information	Deny Recommendation
Signature Johnny Key	Date 9/21/2021

Resolution FY 22-01, approval of salary increases five percent or higher for FY21

Action Item #2	Resolution FY 22-01, approval of salary increases five percent or higher for FY21
Background Information:	ACA 16-13-635 requires school administration to report to the local board for review and approval by resolution a comparison of salaries that increased in the prior year by 5 percent or more. The attached list identifies individuals with increase at of above five percent
Attachment(s)XYes No	Resolution FY 22-01 List of staff with 5% change in salary
Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	5% or higher increase
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Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve Resolution FY 22-01
Commissioner's Decision: Approve Recommendation Return item for more information	Deny Recommendation
Signature Cools Ve	nate 9/2/2024

Recommendation to approve SY 22 Pandemic Pay Plan

Action Item #3	Recommendation to approve SY 22 Pandemic Pay Plans
Background Information:	The proposed Pandemic Pay Plans have been reviewed and meet legislative mandate
Attachment(s)XYes No	Proposed Pandemic Pay Plans for Classified and Certified Staff
Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	\$131,400.00
Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve the SY 22 Pandemic Pay Plans
Commissioner's Decision: Approve Recommendation Return item for more information	Deny Recommendation
Signature John Ley	Date 9/21/2021

Earle School District Retention and Recruitment / Learning Loss / Safety Protocols 2021-2022

The following Earle Retention and Recruitment Plan combined with address learning loss is intended to address the teacher shortage and impacts of Covid-19. Classified and licensed staff applications in the Earle School District have decreased since the pandemic. The district experienced an increase in vacancies at the end of last school year. Classified and licensed personnel duties and responsibilities have increased as a direct result of Covid-19 safety protocols and learning loss. The goal is to recruit and retain qualified staff for the Earle School District, while allowing staff to work in a mentoring role to address learning needs.

The Retention and Recruitment / Learning Loss plan is optional for faculty and staff. A participant who meets all additional expectations will be eligible for up to \$1800, paid out during three phases with established criteria. Staff members who do not meet all of the requirements during a phase will not be eligible for the compensation. It is the responsibility of the employee to maintain appropriate records and documentation of meeting requirements outlined on appropriate classified or certified forms (examples attached). The building and district administration will be responsible for working with employees to approve all objectives and criteria for each phase, as well as review and certify that all requirements were met.

Duration of Pay- The pay period

- August 9, 2021 through May 27, 2022
- Employees must be an active employee as of the date of payment and met all requirements in the plan to receive compensation
- Employees hired after August 9, 2021 will not receive recruitment and retention pay for September. However, they are eligible for December and May prorated pay based on the number of days worked in the payment period. Employees who do not perform additional tasks or maintain proper documentation will not be eligible for payment.

Teacher Form

Retention and Recruitment Plan: Identifying and Addressing Learning Loss

District: Earle	Building:	School Year: 2021-22
Teacher:	Teaching Assignment:	

Total Incentive Amount: \$1800

September: \$600

- Started the year with us
- No disciplinary actions
- Attended all current district PD
- Attended and participated in student learning loss data meeting
- Participated in social emotional school activities
- Learning Loss Support Plan

December: \$600

- 95% attendance
- · No disciplinary actions
- · Not on intensive support plan
- Attended and participated in all learning loss data meetings
- Participated in social emotional school activities
- Evidence and data from student learning loss plan
 - Conferences with students/parents
 - Social emotional meetings
 - Student attendance in interventions
 - o Increase in student attendance
 - Student growth
- Adjustment to the student learning loss plan based on data

May: \$600

- 95% attendance
- No disciplinary actions
- Not on intensive support plan
- · Attended all learning loss data meetings
- Participated in social emotional school activities
- Evidence and data from student learning loss plan
 - o Conferences with students/parents
 - o Social emotional meetings
 - Student attendance in interventions
 - o Increase in student attendance
 - Student growth
- Adjustment to the student learning loss plan based on data
- Attended self chosen professional learning to improve practice
- Reflection of Student Learning Loss Plan Needs for summer and next school year

Earle Learning Loss Student Support Plan

Teacher:	School Year:
Building:	Number of students:
Goal 1: Student Engagement Virtually Face to face What am I going to do to engage my list of students in learning?	Considerations Positive Mentorship Create Google Sheet student list - Link it Attendance checks Assignment checks Parent/Student communication Evidence Google sheet/phone log Emails Notes Grades (assignments) eSchool Attendance
Goal 2: Address Individual Student Learning Loss How am I going to ensure my list of students are making academic gains?	Considerations Link student assessment data Link student schedules Link intervention schedule which includes students Link notes/info from learning loss meetings Individual professional development to help me analyze data, identify high quality instructional materials, intervention strategies Evidence Student data Student intervention schedule Student growth data (diagnostic assessments, pre/post test, CFAs, APAs, curriculum assessments) Communication with student, parent, teacher
Goal 3: Address Individual Student social and emotional needs. What am I going to do to ensure my students' social and emotional needs are being met?	Considerations Facilitate counseling sessions Creating a group activity calendar Conferencing with student Individual professional development to help me understand and support social and emotional Evidence Calendar and sign in Student surveys Parent surveys

Covid - 19 Safety Protocol Plan

Covid - 19 - Safety Protocol Plan:	School Year:
Building:	Number of students:
Goal 1: Clean Environment What am I going to do to ensure the environment is cleaned and sanitized?	Considerations Follow cleaning and sanitizing daily schedules Sanitize tables, desks, and chairs between meetings, meals, classes, and other events Clean white boards, laptops, and other technology Sanitize door knobs between class changes Temperature checks Wash hands frequently throughout the work day Evidence Hourly restroom cleaning Observations Signatures on restroom and cleaning protocols
Goal 2: Attend all safety meetings and follow Covid - 19 Safety Protocols and Procedures How am I going to ensure I am following all safety protocols and set an example for staff and students?	Considerations When wearing a mask, ensure it covers nose and mouth Keep masks available as needed Ensure thermometers and hand sanitizing machines have fresh batteries and are in working order Keep batteries charged for sanitizing equipment Wash hands frequently throughout the workday Evidence Sign-in sheets Proper usage of equipment Proper documentation
Goal 3: Address individual social and emotional needs and self care. What am I going to do to ensure my social and emotional needs are being met?	Considerations Attend adult self care virtual and/or face to face sessions Individual professional development to help me understand and support social and emotional Evidence Professional development transcript Sign-in sheets

Recommendation to approve annual authorization of District to use EFT for payment

	Action Item #4	Recommendation to approve annual authorization of District to use EFT for payment
	Background Information:	We already have an EFT Policy (7.20) in place. This approval would authorize the district to use an EFT for payment. This is not a new approval, but an annual authorization for documentation in our records. Disbursements should still be approved and supporting documentation maintained like normal. They should also be "initiated by the District" in both timing and amount. No new EFTs are being requested.
	Attachment(s)XYes No	EFT Policy (7.20)
	Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	. N/A
	Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve annual authorization of the District to use EFT for payment.
*	Commissioner's Decision: Approve Recommendation Return item for more information	Deny Recommendation
	Signature John Key	Date 9/21/2021

7.20—ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS

District funds shall only be disbursed by the district treasurer upon the receipt of checks or warrants signed by the District Board of Directors' Disbursing Officer and the Superintendent or through the electronic transfer of funds. Any electronic transfer of funds must be initiated by the District and authorized in writing by both the Disbursing Officer of the school district Board of Directors and the Superintendent.

For the purposes of this policy, "initiated by the District" means the District controls both the timing and the amount of the funds transfer.

The district treasurer shall maintain evidence of authority for the disbursement in the form of invoices, payrolls that conform with written contracts on file in his/her office, or other appropriate documentation indicating an authority to disburse District funds.

"Other appropriate documentation" includes one-time, signed authorization for recurring transactions. The Board of Directors Disbursing Officer must pre-authorize the electronic transfer of funds for non-recurring transactions which can be accomplished by a signed authorization or an email authorizing such a disbursement of funds.

Cross Reference:

1.16—DUTIES OF BOARD DISBURSING OFFICE

Legal References:

A.C.A. § 6-13-701(e)

Commissioner's Memo Com-12-036

Date Adopted: 6/27/18

Last Revised:

Recommendation to approve Resolution for Local Support of 2022 6-Year Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications 2023/2025 Biennium

Action Item #5	Recommendation to approve Resolution for Local Support of 2022 6-Year Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications 2023/2025 Biennium
Background Information:	ACA § 6-21-806 requires each school district to develop a six-year master plan that is approved by the district's board of directors
Attachment(s)XYes No	Resolution 6-Year Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications 2023/2025 Biennium Statement of Assurance
Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	N/A
Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve the Resolution for Local Support of 2022 6-Year Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications 2023/2025 Biennium as presented.
Commissioner's Decision: Approve Recommendation Return item for more information	Deny Recommendation
Signature John Key	Date

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Recommendation to approve the sale of school buses that are at the end of their mechanical and safety use

	school buses that are at the end of their mechanical and safety use per district Policy 7.13
Background Information:	Earle School District owns eight buses that are at the end of their mechanical and safety use, and are properly defined as surplus commodities according to district policy 7.13
Attachment(s)X Yes No	Memo from Dennis Russell, ESD Transportation Director Copy of ESD Policy 7.13
Fiscal Impact/Debt Request	Savings of \$4,328.00 per year
Superintendent's Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Commissioner approve the sale of 8 school buses per district Policy.
Commissioner's Decision:	
Approve Recommendation	Deny Recommendation
Return item for more information	
Signature John Key	Date

Recommendation to approve the sale of 8

Action Item #6