
I. Call to Order

Members present: Yellow - absent

Officers: Barb Bettis, Scott Sternal, Jose Rosa, Donna Kielbasa, Steve Hoyt

Elementary Section Directors: Noemi Hernandez, Lesley Beallis, Amy Grantham, Jenn Strasser, Lori Pettey

Secondary Section Directors: Katie Sternal, Courtney Byer, Anne Hitch, Eric Illich, Kathy Cebulski

Minority Director: Randy Monger

Region 24 Chair: Barb Bettis

Region 24 Vice-Chair: Scott Sternal

UniServ Director: Jack Janezic

Visitors: Mark Moore, Jen Cesario, Joan O'Mara, Sara Kramer

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of May 8, 2024 Agenda

The consent agenda was approved

III. Guests

A. Mark Moore - U-46 Calendar 2025-2026

1. Bill pending in senate to not use schools as voting sites
2. Considering Rosh Hashanah and Eid as holidays
 - a) We use federal or state holidays right now
3. 176 student days and 8 pd days
4. Goal is to be done before Memorial Day
 - a) graduation for high school is memorial day weekend
5. Election Day - March 17
 - a) Use as a DCD/PPD Day
6. PD Days before start of school year
 - a) 2 days before start of year
 - b) Move 2 days
 - c) Start school on Monday, Aug. 11
 - d) Teachers start on Aug. 7

Steve Hoyt made a motion to take a 15 minute recess and Katie Sternal seconded. The motions was approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays.

IV. Site Exception Presentations

A. Laurel Hill

1. 12th year of the site exception
2. Start 8 minutes early - same instructional minutes
 - a) Release at 10:52 on the third Wednesday of every month
 - b) Art, Music, & PE specials stay in a block
 - c) Used action based learning this year - worked out well

V. New Business

A. [Laurel Hill Site Exception](#)

Scott Sternal made a motion to approve the Laurel Hill site exception and Kathy Cebulski seconded.

The motion to approve the Laurel Hill site exception was approved by a unanimous vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

B. Committee Appointments

1. District MTSS - Amelia Garcia
2. Appendix F - Liam Keigher

Scott Sternal made a motion to approve Amelia Garcia and Liam Keigher to the committees stated above and Steve Hoyt seconded.

The motion to approve Amelia Garcia and Liam Keigher to the committees stated above was approved by a unanimous vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.

C. Approval of [April 10, 2024 Minutes](#)

Lori Pettey made a motion to change the documentation of the minutes, the money says almost \$1,000 and should be some or all of the \$797 in III, A, 6 and Eric Ilich seconded.

Scott Sternal moved to close debate. Katie Sternal seconded the motion.

The motion to close debate was approved by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention

The motion to change the documentation of the minutes, the money says almost \$1,000 and should be some or all of the \$797 in III, A, 6 was not approved by a vote of 1 yeas, 14 nays, 1 abstentions.

Lori Pettey made a motion to change the documentation of the minutes, the deadline was stated as March 19, and it should be April 10 in III, A, 3 and Noemi Hernandez seconded.

Scott Sternal moved to close debate. Katie Sternal seconded the motion.

The motion to close debate was approved by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstention

The motion to change the documentation of the minutes, the deadline was stated as March 19, and it should be April 10 in III, A, 3 was not approved by a vote of 0 yeas, 13 nays, 2 abstentions.

Lori Petty made a motion to add that the president read a private text that was not sent to her or anyone in the room from me to the board and Noemi Hernandez seconded.

Lori Petty made a motion to withdraw the motion and Eric Ilich seconded.

Anne Hitch made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2024 and Scott Sternal seconded.

Randy Monger moved to close debate and Katie Sternal seconded the motion.

The motion to close debate was approved by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstention

The motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2024 was approved by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.

VI. President's Report

A. Elementary Science Update

1. Feedback for the science curriculum about 80 minute blocks
2. Barb and Scott spoke with Lela and they interpreted it differently
3. The purpose was to create more space in the day for the teachers
4. Told the new curriculum works better in 80 minute blocks with 4th to 6th
5. Ask was to reconsider and led to another meeting on Thursday and still stated that it was not acceptable
6. They wanted to bring in Deb and Ceclia to speak to it
 - a) Ask was to have them bring it to elementary section directors
7. Monday was another meeting and they backed off a bit on the blocking
 - a) Bargaining notes were brought in and draft schedules
8. Tuesday Barb and Scott drafted a compromise letter
 - a) 24/25 school year, master schedule with science as a special
 - (1) Guidance for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade for two 40 minutes or one 80 minute blocks
 - (2) Schools must work within the staffing parameters that they already have
 - (3) SD and SIP must reach consensus on what schedule works best for their building (teachers and students). Decisions must remain consistent across grades 4-6 (i.e. either all 40 minute blocks or all 80 minute blocks)
 - (4) Any opposition must be stated at the table and no one individual can supersede the consensus of the committee
 - (5) After the committees reach consensus, the SD and SIP chairpersons will meet with the principal to discuss the outcome from each committee and make a final schedule determination as a result of the consensus decisions that were reached
 - (6) Principals should input their results via this Google form by May 17. The results will be shared with U-46 and ETA Leadership
 - (7) This work will be done by the 2023-2024 committees and not the newly seated SIP and SD reps

Katie Sternal made a motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes and Donna Kielbasa seconded.

The motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes was approved by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

B. Hawk Hollow Boundaries

1. Presented at the BOE meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024
2. Only piece working on at the moment
3. 25/26 only 7th grade will go to the building
 - a) 8th grade will stay where they are
 - b) Eastview will be thinner
4. Principal positions for the school will be posted in May
5. Will be looking at all boundaries at a later date

6. Abbott and Ellis will close in 25/26
- C. June Board Meeting Reminder
 1. Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 AM (Zoom)

VII. 1st VP Report

- A. SIP and SD Update
 1. A lot of questions for elections and how to do things
 2. Email Scott if you have questions
 3. How to utilize training for next year

VIII. Treasurer Report

- A. Budget Report was presented
- B. Bids for Accounting firm
 1. Cherry Bekeart (current)
 - a) PK Muller was bought out by them
 - b) Pricing has increased significantly \$84,000 for 3 years for audits and reviews
 2. George Bagley and Company
 - a) \$13,500 for review and \$27,000 for audit for 3 years
 3. Desmond & Ahern
 - a) \$8,500 for review and \$10,000 for audit and \$2,000 for taxes
 - b) Smaller firm dealing with small companies
 - c) Very responsive

Donna Kielbasa made a motion to approve Desmond & Ahern as the accounting firm for a 3 year time period and Eric Ilich seconded.

The motion to approve Desmond & Ahern as the accounting firm for a 3 year time period was approved by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

IX. Secretary Report

- A. Membership Report
 1. Members - 2,565
 2. Opt Outs - 28
 3. Potential Members - 120
 4. Total - 2,713
- B. School/Department Committee Survey

X. Minority Director Report

- A. Getting members out at the NEA caucuses

XI. [RA Agenda](#)

Jose Rosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathy Cebulski seconded. The ETA Board adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Minutes approved on June 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kielbasa
ETA Secretary