

Superintendent's Report: February 2023

Highlight of the Month: If you want to catch up on the latest jokes a visit to our school cafeteria is a must, particularly during the grades 2-4 lunch time. Or, stop by the gym after school and you might catch Jessica Garvie teaching the primary grade students some new dance steps. A walk down the hall anytime provides many opportunities for you to see students and their teachers engaged in a variety of interesting learning activities. Yes, the highlight of this month is that on any given day a walk through the halls of Eastford Elementary will make you smile and feel proud that this school is in your community.

News and notes:

Student Achievement:

The administration and the BOE are currently working on the development of the 2023-24 budget. Discussion to date indicates the Board's continued support of quality educational programming for the students of Eastford.

Climate and Culture:

A very special thank you to Carole for completing the application for the competitive Mental Health Workers grant. As a result of her efforts, we were one of 20 towns to receive grant funding. This grant will allow us to continue to offer full time counseling services for our students in the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. It also provides funds to hire a part time social worker and to provide additional mental health related services to our students.

Collaboration and Communication:

We continue to outreach to other school districts for possible areas of collaboration for purchase of services and programs for our students. We participate in the RESC oil consortium. Deb Richards and I are in communication with the State regarding the latest round of funding for security projects.

Comments on selected agenda items:

Unfinished Business

- A. New Policy, Chemical Health for Student Athletes
- B. New Policy, Education Stability Procedures
These policies are coming to the BOE for a second reading and possible adoption.
- C. School Calendar, 2023-2024, Discussion and Possible Action
The calendar is coming to the BOE for further discussion and possible approval.
- D. Budget 2023-2024, Discussion and Possible Action
The finance committee will meet prior to this meeting and come forward with a recommended budget to the BOE for further discussion or approval.

New Business

- A. Resignation of Music Teacher
Joe Tomanelli, after four years of dedicated service to the Eastford students, has decided to fully retire to enjoy time with family and friends.
- B. Approve Submission of the CT-SEDS Grant
These grant funds are being made available to districts to assist with the continued implementation of the CT-SEDS program.
- C. Policy 5125, Confidentiality and Access to Education Records (FERPA)
- D. Policy 5141.7, Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries
This policy is outdated, in the wrong section, and should be repealed and replaced with a newer version of BOE Policy 4119.2 (Item E. on agenda). This does not require two readings.
- E. Policy 4119.2, Concussion Training for Athletic Coaches
This policy needs to be updated based on the latest S&G policy and recent legislation. The Policy Committee will be reviewing this policy on February 6 and will be prepared to make recommendations to the BOE.

F. Policy 5142.2, Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drug Use

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Financial Reports

As always if you have any questions regarding these monthly financial reports, please send them to me so responses can be prepared for the meeting.

A. January 2023 Disbursements

B. Monthly Financial Summary, January 2023

We continue to closely monitor the 2022-23 budget. At this time, we do not believe, barring unexpected expenditures, we will need to ask the Town for use of funds from the Municipal Reserve Fund.

C. Budget Transfers

We are recommending that the BOE approve the following transfers:

\$15,000 from 100.1200.3.112.00.5 (Salary, Para, SE) to 100.1200.3.121.03.5 (Substitutes, Non-Certified, SE)

\$8,184 from 100.1000.2.561.33.5 (Tuition, Secondary, EO Smith) to 100.1000.2.561.31.5 (Tuition, Secondary, WA)

\$918.66 from 100.1000.2.561.33.5 (Tuition, Secondary, EO Smith) to 100.1200.3.561.31.5 (Tuition, SE, WA)

\$4687.74 from 100.1000.2.561.33.5 (Tuition, Secondary, EO Smith) to 100.1200.3.563.00.5 (Tuition, SE, Private)

\$273.00 from 100.1000.2.561.32.5 (Tuition, Secondary, Killingly) to 100.1200.3.563.00.5 (Tuition, SE, Private)