

## Superintendent's Report: May 2023

Highlight of the Month: Although we appreciate our EES staff every day, we take advantage of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12) to publicly recognize the amazing staff that, working together, make EES a wonderful learning community for all our students and our families every day.

### News and notes:

#### Student Achievement

- This month I enjoyed watching the grade four students engage in their PE class. I also had the opportunity to speak with Nick Cody, our P.E./Health teacher about the work he is currently doing in our physical education and health education classes for all our students, as well as his plans for continued program enhancements based on his first year of experience with our students.
- I enjoyed having the opportunity to converse with teachers who shared their thoughts as to the accomplishments during the school year, implementation of the new math curriculum, plans for curriculum development in science, and summer programming for students.

#### Climate and Culture:

- The Town Roof Committee met and recommended to the BOS that they accept the bid for the PV project from J.E. Shea Electric. This is just another example of how the Eastford community provides for the continual update and improvement of the EES facility.
- I attended the School Security Committee meeting during which several safety enhancements were discussed. Following the meeting we contacted vendors to obtain pricing on items such as indoor cameras, added closings for hallway doors, and improvements to the preschool exit doors.

#### Collaboration and Communication:

- The School Security Grant was submitted.
- I attended the lunch meeting of the Eastford senior group held at the Town Hall. Ideas were discussed for future student-senior activities. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss these ideas. Student-senior activities provide opportunities for increased intergenerational understanding and support the involvement of our students in the community and the community with the school.
- The Eastford Community came together to support Pastor Moran and the members of the Congregational Church following the tragic loss of their historic meeting place.

### Comments on selected agenda items

#### XII. New Business

- A. Approval of Scholarship Recipients: *The BOE Scholarship Committee is in the process of reviewing the applications submitted for the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut Scholarships. Although the names of the recipients are not announced until the students have been contacted by the organization, it is recommended that the BOE accept the nominations of the BOE Scholarship Committee for these awards.*
- B. Annual Health Food Certification:  
*The BOE must vote annually that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. If they vote "yes", they can also vote to allow the sale of exempted food and beverages under certain circumstances outside of the school day.*
- C. Establish Committee for the Non-Certified Staff Union Contract
- D. Establish Committee for the Certified Staff Union Contract.  
*C.&D. The Board will begin negotiations regarding the contracts of the members of both the non-certified and certified unions which will begin in 2024-25.*

E. Discussion of the status of the 2022-23 budget

*I will provide an update as to the status of our current budget, as well as some of the building upgrades being considered if funds remain available.*

XIV. Financial Reports

*As always if there are any questions regarding the financial reports you receive, please send them to me so responses can be prepared for the BOE meeting.*

C. Budget Transfers

*These are the transfers being recommended at this time:*

\$12,500.00 from 100.1200.3.111.00.5 (Salary, Teachers, SE) to 100.1200.3.121.00.5 (Substitutes, Certified, SE)

\$2,336.58 100.1000.1.111.00.5 (Salary, Teachers, Regular Program) to 100.1000.1.210.00.5 (E/B Insurance, Regular Program)

\$3,590.83 from 100.1200.3.111.00.5 (Salary, Teachers, SE) to 100.1000.1.210.00.5 (E/B Insurance, Regular Program)

\$11,783.60 from 100.2150.3.111.00.5 (Salary, Speech/Language) to 100.1000.1.210.00.5 (E/B Insurance, Regular Program)

\$13,938.99 from 100.1200.3.112.00.5 (Salary, Para, SE) to 100.1000.1.210.00.5 (E/B Insurance, Regular Program)

\$8,710.97 from 100.1000.1.111.00.5 (Salary, Teachers, Regular Program) to 100.1200.3.563.00.5 (Tuition, SE, Private)

\$1,377.00 from 100.1000.2.564.35.5 (Tuition, Secondary, EastConn) to 100.1200.3.563.00.5 (Tuition, SE, Private)