

**EAST ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 18, 2024**

The Board of Education of East Alton District 13, Madison County, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 18, 2024, in the Professional Development Room, at East Alton Middle School, 1000 Third Street, East Alton, Illinois.

**REGULAR  
MEETING**

On a call of roll, the following members answered present:

Margaret Foiles, President  
Keith Trout, Vice President  
Joan Mudge  
Mary Karrick  
Marvin Peterson

**ROLL CALL**

The following member was absent:

Kacie Bamert, Secretary

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

Blake Compton followed up on previously mentioned student concern; in addition to concerns with recent Board of Education decisions.

David Watts gave statement on his perspective of how the Board makes decisions.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Mary Karrick to approve the minutes from December 12, 2023, regular meeting and executive session; and January 3, 2024, Special regular meeting and executive session; as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the bills from January 1, 2024, thru January 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
BILLS**

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Mr. Aldrich, Interim Superintendent, provided the monthly attendance report, which showed an enrollment of 743 students as of January 1, 2024. The current budget status was reviewed and indicates the district will have to amend the budget to remain on track with expected expenditures and revenues. There were 4 suspensions and 74 referrals for the month of December.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the authorization of the Interim Superintendent to initiate the search for East Alton School District #13 Superintendent for “24-25 School Year,” as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Keith Trout to enter into executive session at 6:55 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Keith Trout to return to open session at 7:46 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Mary Karrick and seconded by Joan Mudge to rehire the Administrative Staff for East Alton School District #13, to include: Heather Strebel, Ryan McGowen, Ashley Lowe, Whitney Eberhart, Matt Stimac, Stacey Egan, and Kelli Decker; effective 24-25SY, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the transfer of employment for Ashley Tomkinson, Permanent Substitute Teacher to 6th Grade Math Teacher, effective 23-24SY; as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

**APPROVAL OF  
DISTRICT 13  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH FOR  
24-25SY**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION**

**APPROVAL TO REHIRE  
EAST ALTON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #13  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF FOR 24-25SY**

**APPROVAL OF  
EMPLOYMENT  
TRANSFER**

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The motion was made by Joan Mudge and seconded by Keith Trout to approve the employment of Lexie Riggs, Teacher's Assistant, effective 23-24SY; James Greene, Bus Driver, effective 23-24SY; pending successful background check, employment history review, and credential verification, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
EMPLOYMENT**

The motion was made by Marvin Peterson and seconded by Keith Trout to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY