# LITTLE AXE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023

Those present at the meeting:President, Beverly Felton; Vice President, Tessa Proffitt,Member Al Heitkamper; Member, Tommy Hamilton; Superintendent, Dr. Jay Thomas; Board Clerk, Cathey Miller and Treasurer, Tammy Thele. Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M., roll call taken, Rickey Gourley was absent.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Felton led the Flag Salute.

# RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Angle McCaslin signed in and addressed the board in reference to item #12. She has concerns and would like the district to continue searching for a math teacher for the remainder of the year.

### **CONSENT DOCKET**

1. Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2023 regular meeting and February 22, 2023 special meeting.

2. Consider a request and vote to approve the requests for Sandy Newman to be added to the Night Deposit Agreement for FNB Community Bank.

3. Consider a request and vote to approve a new account for Middle School Art Club #889 and fundraisers Art Sale, Bake Sales, Candy Sales, Face Painting, Coffee Sales, Art Auction, Paint Night, Boo Grams, Cotton Candy, Donations, Temporary Tattoos, Spirit Ribbons, Square 1 Art, Art Workshop and wreaths. Funds to be used for Materials, Field Trips, School Dance, Displays, Entry Fees, Art Activities and Donations.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Heitkamper, the board approved all items on the consent docket.1-3.

Tessa Proffitt - aye Al Heitkamper -aye Tommy Hamilton-aye Beverly Felton - aye

#### REQUESTS

1. Consider a request to vote to approve / not approve entering into a contract with OKTLE for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved entering into a contract with OKTLE for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Tessa Proffitt - aye Al Heitkamper -aye Tommy Hamilton-aye Beverly Felton - aye

2. Consider a request and vote to approve or not approve entering into a contract agreement and approving the engagement letter with Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson Certified Public Accountants, LLP to prepare the financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2023; Preparation of the Temporary Appropriations; Preparation of the Estimate of Needs; State Auditor and Inspector's filing fee for the audit report; Presentation of the audit report to the Board of Education; Supplemental Appropriations, as need; Preparation of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards; and unlimited toll-free telephone consultation throughout the year with District personnel relating to any matter of concern.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved entering into a contract agreement and approving the engagement letter with Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson Certified Public Accountants, LLP for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Tessa Proffitt - aye Al Heitkamper -aye Tommy Hamilton-aye Beverly Felton - aye

3. Consider a request to vote to approve / not approve entering into a contract with Cox Business for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved entering into a contract with Cox Business for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

4. Consider a request to vote to approve / not approve entering into a contract with SkyRider Communications, ERate provider.for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved entering into a contract with SkyRiderCommunications, ERate provider, for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

5. Consider a request to vote to approve / not approve the Stock Inhaler for Schools Program.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved the Stock Inhaler for Schools Program

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-ave

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

6. <u>Board to consider and take action on a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$1,600,000 General Obligation Combined Purpose Bonds of the School District.</u>

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, April 18 2023, time and place, at noon in the board meeting room of the central office, for the sale of the \$1,600,000 General Obligation Combined Purpose Bonds of the School District.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - ave

#### REPORTS

Tammy Thele, Treasurer, gave the treasurer report.

#### FINANCE CONSENT

- 1. Vote to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- 2. Vote to approve the financial encumbrances, the encumbrances for payment and the warrant registers for the following appropriated funds:

#### GENERAL FUND 2022-2023

- a. Encumbrances for Approval Purchase Orders: 548-569
- b. Warrants for Approval 2-01-23 through 2-28-2023 (Report Date: 02282023) Attachment A

#### **BUILDING FUND 2022-2023**

- a. Encumbrances for Approval Purchase Orders: 25-26
- b. Warrants for Approval 2-01-23 through 2-28-2023 (Report Date: 02282023) Attachment A

#### **CHILD NUTRITION FUND 2022-2023**

a. Encumbrances for Approval Purchase Orders: 28

- b. Warrants for Approval 2-01-23 through 2-28-2023 (Report Date: 02282023) Attachment A
- 3. Vote to approve expenditures for the following cash funds for the 2022-2023 school year as listed in the March 6, 2023 board meeting financial packet.
  - a. Activity Fund

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Proffitt, the board approved the treasurer report and the finance consent docket with corrections made to the dates.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

NEW BUSINESS No New Business

#### **PERSONNEL**

- 1. Resignation Agreement with Justin Ayres, Elementary Principal, effective 2/28/2023.
- 2. <u>Discussion of Elementary School Administration.</u>
- 3. Employment of the following directors:
  - a. Emily Blakley, Curriculum Director
  - b. Jennifer Jennings, Special Education Director
  - c. Christina Wilson, Custodial Director
  - d. Brad Miller, Maintenance Director
  - e. Marie Wilson, Childcare Director
  - f. Andy Mobley, Technology Director
  - g. Renee Stovall, Transportation Director
  - h. Andreza Sleik, Child Nutrition Director
  - i. Terry Rogers, Athletic Director
- 4. Employment of custodian for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- 5. Resignation Agreement of Richard Campbell, effective March 31, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt, the board voted to convene to executive session at 6:00p.m.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

The board returned from executive session at 6:17p.m.

Present in executive session: Members, Beverly Felton, Tessa Proffitt, Al Heitkamper, Tommy Hamilton along with Board Clerk, Cathey Miller and Superintendent, Dr. Jay Thomas. While in executive session no votes were taken.

7. Vote to approve / not approve the Resignation Agreement with Justin Ayres, Elementary Principal, effective February 28, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt, the board voted to approve the Resignation Agreement with Justin Ayres, Elementary Principal, effective February 28, 2023.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

8. Vote to take action/ not take action on the Elementary Administration.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt, the board voted to take action on the Elementary Administration and Name Wade Daugherty as Interim Principal for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year..

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -ave

Beverly Felton - ave

- 9. Vote to employ/ not employ the following directors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:
  - a. Emily Blakley, Curriculum Director
  - b. Jennifer Jennings, Special Education Director
  - c. Christina Wilson, Custodial Director
  - d. Brad Miller, Maintenance Director
  - e. Marie Wilson, Childcare Director
  - f. Andy Mobley, Technology Director
  - g. Renee Stovall, Transportation Director
  - h. Andreza Sleik, Child Nutrition Director
  - i. Terry Rogers, Athletic Director

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt, the board approved employment of the following Directors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year: Emily Blakley, Curriculum Director, Jennifer Jennings, Special Education Director, Christina Wilson, Custodial Director, Brad Miller, Maintenance Director, Marie Wilson, Childcare Director, Andy Mobley, Technology Director, Renee Stovall, Transportation Director, Andreza Sleik, Child Nutrition Director, and Terry Rogers, Athletic Director

Tessa Proffitt - aye

ye Tommy Hamilton-aye ye Beverly Felton - aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

10. <u>Vote to employ / not employ custodian for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, subject to assignment, pending background check and drug testing.</u>

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt, the board approved employment of Lorerna Hernandez for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, subject to assignment, pending background check and drug testing.

Tessa Proffitt - aye

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -ave

Beverly Felton - aye

11. <u>Vote to approve / not approve the resignation agreement of Richard Campbell, effective March 31, 2023.</u>

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms.Proffitt,, the board approved the resignation agreement of Richard Campbell, effective March 31, 2023.

Tessa Proffitt - ave

Tommy Hamilton-aye

Al Heitkamper -aye

Beverly Felton - aye

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 6:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathey Miller, Board Clerk

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