

WHAT	Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Russellville School District.
WHEN	Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Gardner Auditorium. The meeting will be livestreamed and posted on Facebook and YouTube.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Wesley White, Chris Cloud, Jason Golden, Janet Winn, Morgan Barrett, Jeremy Keaster, Jeff Carter
MEMBERS ABSENT	
OTHERS PRESENT	Superintendent Dr. Mark Gotcher; Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Danny Brackett; Assistant to the Superintendent/CFO, Justin Robertson; RSD Administrators; Gardner Assistant Technical Director, Jason Hann; Officer Terry Cobb; October Employees of the Month; Crawford staff; Johnny Story; Jim Bob Humphrey; Roy Reaves, and others were in attendance.

The media was notified of this meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Cloud.

October Employees of the Month were recognized by the building administrators as follows:

- RJHS - Holly Sutterfield
- RHS - Ethan Hodge
- Dwight - Julie Anne Hilton
- London - Jonathan Livermore
- RIS - Cafeteria staff
- SEQ - Sarah Lensing
- OHE - Darla Taylor
- RMS - James Scott
- CVE - Camron Cowell
- CR - Pam Pilgrim Smith
- SLC - Micah Bennett

IN THE MATTER OF
Addenda Items Added
to the Agenda

There was a motion to add addenda items to the agenda.

The motion was made by Carter
The motion was seconded by White
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

IN THE MATTER OF
Persons Wanting to
Address the Board on
An Agenda Item

President Cloud asked if anyone wanted to address the board on an agenda item. There was no response.

IN THE MATTER OF
Persons Wanting to
Discuss PPC Policy
Proposals

Mr. Ethan Hodge was not in attendance so there was no report.

IN THE MATTER OF
Information

Dr. Mark Gotcher gave his Superintendent's Report as follows:

- Current student enrollment is 5,228
- There are currently 474 students in grades 8-12 who are doing Option B, and 245 students in grades K-7 doing RCVA
- 139 students in quarantine and 22 staff in quarantine
- 4 staff have tested positive; 7 students tested positive
- Dr. Gotcher stated, "I'm proud of our nursing staff, teachers, and principals; it takes a team effort"
- Virtual Friday at RHS has been a success and has given teachers time to engage with off-site students as well as those who come to campus. Virtual Friday will continue for the remainder of the semester
- RJHS begins their Virtual Friday on October 30 for the remainder of the semester then we will review the next steps for the second semester
- Danielle Stewart gave a powerpoint presentation on the Migrant Project
- Dr. Gotcher mentioned several new grants awarded to RSD which included RIS who received a Red Ribbon Week Grant for \$1,400; Mary Beth Cox and Language Arts IF Stephanie Perkins who wrote a Literacy Grant for 2020-2022 – Successful Outcome for Arkansas Readers (SOAR). They received \$60,000 each year for two years to support literacy; Judy Pennington, district grant writer, wrote a Math Grant for strong TIER I math in grades 6-11 and received \$100,800
- October is National Principal Month. All RSD principals were honored
- Mr. Jim Bob Humphrey and Mr. Roy Reaves gave a presentation on the thermal imaging

devices they are wanting to provide at the entryways to the school buildings

- Crawford Elementary's staff were recognized for receiving the National Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award
- Crawford Principal, Shavon Jackson, was honored for receiving the Terrel H. Bell Outstanding School Leadership Award

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the minutes of the September 15, 2020, regular meeting.

Approved the minutes of the September 29, 2020, called meeting.

Approved the minutes of the October 12, 2020, called meeting.

Approved the Professional Services Contract Occupational Therapy Agreement with Wendi Pool for Occupational Therapy services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Approved and adopted a resolution identifying salaries increased by 5% or more for the 2019-20 school year.

Approved the Annual Equity Compliance Report.

Approved the Petitions for Transfer of students with the exception of #8, which was pulled.

Supporting documentation for all CONSENT AGENDA is on file with official minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF

The board approved the Financial Report by CFO/Assistant to the Superintendent Justin Robertson.

Supporting documentation is on file with official minutes.

The motion was made by Golden
The motion was seconded by Carter
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

IN THE MATTER OF
Policy

The board approved the update to Policy 7.19R; Substitute Pay, and approved the base pay for RSD substitute teachers from \$75 to \$85 daily with minimum qualifications

and \$90 daily for substitutes with a current Arkansas Teacher's License. In addition, on the 11th consecutive day a substitute teacher works in a classroom in the same position, the substitute pay will increase to \$95 per day through the 30th day of continual substituting in that position.

The board also approved adding sections V and VI to Policy 1.2.3.5R; Board of Education Meetings Public Participation.

Supporting documentation is on file with official minutes.

The motion to approve both policies was made by Winn
The motion was seconded by White
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

IN THE MATTER OF
Buildings and Grounds

Ira Wimer, Architect with HTW Architects and Engineers explained the following change orders:

RSD Elementary Grease Interceptors deduction in the amount of \$13,225.00.

RSD Gardner Window Replacement Phase 2 deduction in the amount of \$7,675.00.

RSD RJHS Parking Lot Restoration increase in the amount of \$34,909.85.

Supporting documentation is on file with official minutes.

The motion was made by Carter to approve items 1-3
The motion was seconded by Keaster
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

IN THE MATTER OF
Other

The board approved a new position for a Secretary I to serve the Russellville Cyclone Virtual Academy (RCVA).

The motion was made by Golden
The motion was seconded by White
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

IN THE MATTER OF
Personnel

There was a motion by Carter to enter executive session and seconded by Winn. The board entered executive

session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The board re-entered public session at 9:37 p.m.

The board approved the licensed and classified staff resignations, transfers, retirements, and employment as listed and to include the licensed addendum item. Supporting documentation is on file with official minutes.

The motion was made by Golden
The motion was seconded by White
The motion carried and It Is So Recorded

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

President Chris Cloud

Secretary Jeff Carter

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