

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kind of Meeting	Meeting Place	Meeting Time	Date
Regular	Supt. Office / Board Room	6:00 pm	7-16-2018
MEMBERS: Ken Cotter (President), Andy McCandlis (Vice-President), Darick Brown (Secretary), Max Ray Shrable, Shawn Batterton			
ADMINISTRATION: John May (Superintendent), Andy Burden (Elementary Principal), Vicki Hurst (High School Principal), James Kerr (Assistant Principal), Charolette Bridges (District Treasurer)			

After some board members went to look at the old church building, the regular monthly meeting of the Viola School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm with Ken Cotter, Andy McCandlis, Darick Brown, Max Ray Shrable, Vicki Hurst, Andy Burden, and John May in attendance. Monica Winstead, a parent, was also in attendance.

The board discussed the need to fix the roof of the old church so it could continue being used for storage.

- A motion was made at 6:12 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Darick Brown to solicit bids to replace the existing shingle roof with a metal roof . The motion was approved 4/0.

The board then discussed a required increase in lunch prices. Since the lunch program did not lose money during the previous year, the board chose not to raise prices but agreed they would rather pay for the required increase out of the school's operating fund.

- A motion was made at 6:31 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Max Ray Shrable to approve a contract disclosure resolution with J & J Tire. The motion was approved 4/0.

At 6:33 pm Shawn Batterton arrived at the meeting. The board considered propane bids.

- A motion was made at 6:36 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Andy McCandlis to accept Izard County Propane's bid for propane for 2018-2019. The motion was approved 5/0.

The board then heard updates on the Head Start program, a new weight room, and the NAESC technical program. After signing copies of the salary schedules approved in April, the Board discussed coaches for golf, cross country, and cheerleading, as well as other personnel matters.

- A motion was made at 7:23 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Darick Brown to hire Kristy Breen as cheerleading coach for 2018-2019. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 7:33 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Max Ray Shrable to accept the proposal for speech services from Rebecca Haas. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 7:34 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Shawn Batterton to extend Julie Walker's contract to 100 days to allow time for her to handle the Medicaid billing. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 7:39 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Shawn Batterton to accept the resignation of Julie Hartle as high school English teacher and GT Coordinator. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 7:40 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Max Ray Shrable to hire Taylor Guffey as high school English teacher and GT Coordinator. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 7:45 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Ken Cotter to hire Jamon Lee as high school science teacher. The motion was approved 5/0.

The board then considered several policy changes including transportation to the ASUMH Tech Center, student dress code, and:

- A motion was made at 7:50 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Shawn Batterton to approve

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ASBA recommended changes to the Student section (#4) of the Board's policy manual. The motion was approved 5/0.

- A motion was made at 8:02 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Ken Cotter to approve changes to the student handbook concerning steps to follow when absent from school. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 8:19 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Max Ray Shrable to remove lines from the student handbook concerning checking out to go eat lunch. The motion was approved 5/0.

After discussing possibly changing the bell schedule to accommodate some courses offered at the ASUMH Tech Center and the weighting of some courses for class rank purposes:

- A motion was made at 9:14 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Ken Cotter to pay for up to three concurrent credit courses each semester for eligible students who also qualify for free or reduced lunches. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 9:35 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Andy McCandlis to approve Option A for computing weighted credit for class rank purposes starting with the Class of 2019. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 9:37 pm by Shawn Batterton and seconded by Darick Brown to discontinue the weighting of courses for class rank purposes starting with the class of 2020. The motion was approved 5/0.

The board also discussed their desire to allow juniors who had the required prerequisite scores to be able to take Comp I and Comp II during their junior year, if they choose. They also discussed their preference to allow students to take those college English courses on campus, taught by District staff, if possible.

After a discussion about fiscal year ending balances and the new state law limiting the legal balances of school districts state wide:

- A motion was made at 10:02 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Andy McCandlis to approve the minutes and expenditures for June. The motion was approved 5/0.
- A motion was made at 10:05 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Shawn Batterton to move \$85,000 from the operating fund to the building fund. The motion was approved 5/0.

Mrs. Hurst then mentioned that changes needed to be made to the handbook to reflect changes in the Arkansas Lottery Scholarship rules.

- A motion was made at 10:07 pm by Shawn Batterton and seconded by Darick Brown to approve appropriate changes to the Arkansas Lottery Scholarship section of the student handbook. The motion was approved 5/0.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:08pm.

Approved Date _____

President

Secretary