

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kind of Meeting	Meeting Place	Meeting Time	Date
Regular	Supt. Office / Board Room	6:00 pm	4-8-2020

MEMBERS: Ken Cotter (President), Andy McCandlis (Vice-President), Darick Brown (Secretary), Max Ray Shrable, Charlie Wray
ADMINISTRATION: John May (Superintendent), Larry Ivens (High School Principal), Ryan Walker (Assistant Principal), Charlotte Bridges (District Treasurer)

The regular monthly meeting of the Viola School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm. Andy McCandlis, Charlie Wray, Darick Brown, Ken Cotter, and John May were present. Monica Winstead and her son Hunter were also in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Prior to considering its regular agenda, the board listened to information and updates about donations to the basketball teams during the state tournament, the Baylor Meals-to-You feeding Program, and school choice advertising. Then,

- A motion was made at 6:18 pm Andy McCandlis and seconded by Darick Brown to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved 4/0. (This included the minutes from February and expenditures from February and March.)
- A motion was made at 6:23 pm Darick Brown and seconded by Ken Cotter to appoint its officers for the upcoming school year, effective July 1, 2020. The motion was approved 4/0. (Andy McCandlis – President / Charlie Wray – Vice-President / Ken Cotter - Secretary)

Larry Ivens joined the meeting and the board discussed several issues related to the prolonged school closure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. After discussion, it was agreed that:

- almost all students' semester grades would reflect their 3rd quarter averages, allowing AMI work to be used to improve the semester grades. (Concurrent credit courses would have to be completed because of the college grade that was also tied to those courses.)
- although prom could not be held when originally scheduled, it was agreed that for now prom should be rescheduled for a later date, to be determined after social distancing restrictions were lifted.
- the date for graduation was to be left alone for now, and would be rescheduled or rediscussed if those same guidelines were extended into May.

Discussion then turned to several projects and grants. The board learned the new weight room still needed metal walls and flooring installed on the inside of the structure, but it should be completed before teams were allowed to resume practicing. They also heard about approval of the Go RED Diesel grant and a project to set up a standalone fire alarm in the Administration building.

- A motion was made at 7:22 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the solar power project with Today's Power, pending negotiated terms between Mixon Law Firm and Today's Power. The motion was approved 4/0.
- A motion was made at 7:40 pm by Ken Cotter and seconded by Andy McCandlis accept the quote for two new camera systems covering the elementary and cafeteria from ICU Security Camera Systems. The motion was approved 4/0.

In personnel matters

- A motion was made at 7:45 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Ken Cotter to approve the 2020-21 calendar with changes recommended by the PPC. The motion was approved 4/0.

At 7:50 pm the Board then went into executive session to discuss personnel contracts. At 9:05 they returned from executive session.

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- A motion was made at 9:10 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Charlie Wray to renew contracts of employees on the list of Licensed Contracts recommended for renewal. The motion was approved 4/0.
- A motion was made at 9:12 pm by Andy McCandlis and seconded by Ken Cotter to renew all classified contracts except for those of employees who wished not to have those contracts renewed. The motion was approved 4/0. (Julia Duvall – moving / Andy Burden – retiring / Pam Burns - retiring)
- A motion was made at 9:4 pm by Darick Brown and seconded by Charlie Wray to increase the length of Frank Vacante’s SRO contract to 170 days. The motion was approved 4/0.

At that point, there was no further business, so the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Approved Date _____

President

Secretary