

## Benton School District

## Benton Board of Education

12/14/2020 05:30 PM

## Meeting Minutes

Professional Development Center

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211 North Border

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Randy Mitchell at 5:31 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board members present: Paul Childress, Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell.

Board member absent: Jonathan Woolbright.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Reorganize Board****A. Election of President/Disbursement Officer**

5:31, Randy Mitchell nominated Holley Little for Board President/Disbursement Officer. Chris Ledbetter seconded the nomination. Members voted unanimously in favor.

**B. Election of Vice President/Alternate Disbursement Officer**

5:32, Randy Mitchell nominated Chris Ledbetter for Vice President. Jarrod Hambric seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor.

**C. Election of Secretary/Legislative Liaison**

5:32, Jarrod Hambric nominated Randy Mitchell for Secretary/Legislative Liaison. Chris Ledbetter seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor.

**V. Panther Pride****A. BHS All Region Choir - Curt Barger****B. Outstanding Board Member****VI. Consent Agenda**

5:36, Paul Childress made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Reading of Previous Minutes****B. Financial Reports****C. Approval of Gifts/Donations****D. Aramark Invoice - October****VII. Action Items****A. Approve Security Camera/Card Access Maintenance Agreement - Kevin Chastain**

Kevin Chastain presented the invoice for security camera/card access maintenance agreement.

5:38, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approve Bus Purchase - Chris Hinson**

Chris Hinson presented the quote for purchase of two buses - one gas powered and one diesel. He explained that we need approval now to order but the funds would come from next year's transportation budget.

5:42, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve action item B.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Student Transfer Requests - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented the student transfer request for board approval.

5:44, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve action item C, transfer requests.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Adoption of revisions to policy section 5 - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Smith presented policy section 5 with changes made as discussed in workshop meeting.

5:45, Holley Little made motion "to propose that we adopt a policy to rescind the entirety of section 5 of our current policy manual, which constitutes the entirety of the district's Curriculum section and adopt section 5 of the ASBA model policies and requested changes

with the purpose of bringing into compliance with the ASBA model policies. This means that our policies will be identical or virtually identical to those in all other Arkansas school districts".

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind section 4 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, section 4 - Dr. Eric Saunders  
Dr. Eric Saunders presented section 4 -student section- for consideration of updating.

5:50 Randy Mitchell made motion to consider proposal to rescind section 4 in order to adopt ASBA section 4. This is only approval of proposal at this point.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session (If needed)**

The board went to executive session at 5:50 and reconvened at 6:20.

**IX. Personnel Recommendations- Dr. Larry Smith**

6:21 Randy Mitchell made motion to approve Personnel Recommendations.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders
  - 1. Saline County CTE Center Update
- C. Transportation Report-Danny Revis
- D. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery
- E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacey Adams
- F. Special Education - Angie McWhorter
- G. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley
- H. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Student Services/Human Resources - Dr. Larry Smith

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Christmas break December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021
- B. January 11, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- C. Statement of Financial Interest due to Clerk by January 31, 2021.

**XII. Student Disciplinary Hearing**

The board recessed at 6:23 and reconvened at 6:26 for a closed hearing.

- A. Student #602153

The student and guardian were in attendance. The board heard the case and went to executive session at 6:45 until 7:30.

7:31 Jarrold Hambric made motion to reject administrations recommendation and instead issue a suspended expulsion for one year.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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President

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Secretary