

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting High School Library Place 6:30 pm Time December 10, 2020 Date

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Brandy Moore: President
Robert Curtis: Vice-President
Alfonso Vasquez: Secretary
Michael Springer: Member
Wayne Corbitt: Member

ABSENT

At 6:30pm, GT Coordinator, Lori Holt and elementary students, Terran Jones and Isaac Staton presented Christmas ornaments to the Board. Elementary GT students made the ornaments while learning how to use a sewing machine.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 6:34pm by Ms. Moore. Mr. Corbitt absent.
2. Motion by Mr. Curtis to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Springer. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Mr. Springer made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. The Board requested an estimate for renovations required to make the Gillespie house suitable for long term storage. Mr. McGaugh presented a basic scope of work and estimated material list costs prepared by his construction technology class. He emphasized the volatility of the current building supply market.
5. Representatives from Entegriity briefed the Board about solar energy projects in the area. The City of Booneville and the Booneville School District have both engaged Entegriity for projects. The Booneville Development Corporation sold 50 acres located south of highway 10 across from the Booneville Municipal Airport for a solar farm that will be used to generate electricity for the City of Fayetteville. This property is located in the Magazine School District and will increase our assessment value. The Board requested Ms. Forst provide Entegriity personnel information on electrical usage/costs by the District for analysis.
6. Dr. Shumate informed the Board that our District is one of fourteen recipients in the state for the Arkansas Rural Educator Network (AREN) grant. The generous support from the Walton Family Foundation provides an opportunity for 3 years of in-depth support, totaling close to \$200,000 per district. Our cost is only \$3,750. The districts will have a memorandum of understanding with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) to provide needs assessments, professional learning support, etc... Dr. Shumate emphasized this is an opportunity to help our teachers in the classroom without adding to their current workload.

Mr. Springer made a motion to approve the MOU with NIET connected with the AREN grant. Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Motion by Mr. Springer to renew the ASBA Occupational Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage (trip insurance for school employees and board members) at \$313.50 annually. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed 4-0.
8. Dr. Shumate reminded the Board that the minimum wage increases from \$10 to \$11 per hour on 1/1/2021. The FY20-21 classified salary schedules that were approved at the 2/13/2020 board meeting included this increase.

9. Per FIN-20-038, the minimum health insurance employer contribution rate beginning January 1, 2021 will be \$164.66 per month. This is an increase of \$2.79 per month, which was included in the FY20-21 budget. Mr. Vasquez made a motion to approve the minimum health insurance employer contribution rate effective January 1, 2021 of \$164.66 per month. Mr. Springer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
10. Dr. Shumate reviewed the ASBA model policy updates to Section 1, Board Governance. These required updates are minor and consist mostly of verbiage changes and legal references.

Mr. Curtis made a motion to approve the Board Governance Policy as updated. Mr. Springer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
11. Dr. Shumate reviewed the ASBA model policy updates to Section 2, Administration. There were two minor legally required updates and the addition of policy number 2.4 "Superintendent's Responsibilities for District Security" regarding Commissioned School Security Officer (CSSO) Team.

Mr. Curtis made a motion to approve the Administration Policy as updated. Mr. Springer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
12. Motion by Mr. Springer to approve the petition for transfer of students on Alaina Neve from Booneville. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed 4-0.
13. No Personnel issues to address.
14. COVID Update by Dr. Shumate. She explained the new quarantine guidance of 7 days with a negative test and 10 days with no test for probable close contacts without symptoms. The plan is to return to in person instruction on 12/14/20 after 6 days of virtual learning.

The Magazine Little League requested permission to play games in the Diamondback Arena to accommodate the spectator limitations imposed by law for indoor sporting events. Due to wear and tear on the court and janitorial requirements, the Board declined. Little League games will continue to be played in the old gym.
15. At 8:48pm Mr. Springer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Brandy Moore