

**BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2020  
CAFETERIA**

The regular board meeting was held December 14, 2020 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Laura Clark. Board members present: Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Cindy Parks, Carl McGill, Norma Muldrew, and Steve Dunham (Norma and Steve attending remotely via Zoom).

Prayer was led by Janet Banister, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2020 monthly board meeting. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the November 30, 2020 financial report. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the Senior Class of 2021 graduation date of May 14, 2021 (graduation ceremony will be held in the High School Gym). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the bonus for all certified and classified staff (\$500.00 for full-time employees and \$250.00 for part-time employees). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. NOTE: The board will review this issue again in March 2021 to determine if an additional bonus can be approved.

Laura Clark made a motion to approve discontinuance of "Blended Fridays" beginning January 1, 2021. All high school students that wish to continue attending school virtually beginning January 1, 2021, will be utilizing Virtual Arkansas. Norma Muldrew seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon advised the board that the school has received approximately 1,200 COVID rapid tests to be administered to staff as needed.

Cindy Parks made a motion to decline the student transfer request from the Hope School District to the Blevins School District due to the desegregation court order. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve moving three players from the junior high basketball teams to the high school basketball teams. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote (Cindy Parks voted no).

There was no report from High School Principal (Jeffrey Steed).

Federal Programs Coordinator (Stephanie Clark) updated the board on the steps the District is taking to ensure Blevins Schools remains in compliance with all Federal and State requirements.

Curriculum Coordinator (Autumn Reeder) updated the board on the steps the District is taking to increase test scores, and steps being taken to assist our teachers in improving academics in our district.

Elementary Principal (Lara Herring) updated the board on activities and academic status in the elementary school.

Assistant Principal Natalie Jones submitted a report to the board on Covid numbers for students and staff in the Blevins School District.

Carl McGill made a motion to hire Jami Purtle as high school special education teacher (she is currently working on her special education certification). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

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EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:

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