

(PENDING APPROVAL BY BOARD MEMBERS)

BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2021 CAFETERIA

The regular board meeting was held February 15, 2021 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Laura Clark. Board members present: Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Cindy Parks, Carl McGill, and Steve Dunham.

Prayer was led by Carl McGill, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The board went into executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The board came out of executive session at 9:36 p.m.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the resignation of board members Chandra Dixon effective January 31, 2021 and Norma Muldrew effective January 26, 2021. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The board was notified that Carl McGill had received the 6 hours of training required by ASBA ---- no action needed by the board.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the resignation of Christina Parrish as paraprofessional effective January 27, 2021. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer O'Haver as cafeteria worker effective May 31, 2021. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the retirement of Caroline Watts as custodian effective May 31, 2021. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the retirement of Pam Elliott as art teacher for K-12 effective May 31, 2021. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Tamara Powell as a paraprofessional (employment to begin after background check approved). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Patricia Sturdevant as a paraprofessional (employment to begin after background check approved). Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Crystal Kerwell as a custodian (employment to begin after background check approved). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Ethan Dixon as a cafeteria worker. His contract is for 3 days per week, and his hire date is retroed back to January 20, 2021 (background check approval is pending). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to amend the contract for Chris Woodruff for the school year 2020-2021 to reflect a \$2,350.00 increase based on Mr. Woodruff obtaining his Masters Degree during the 2020-2021 school year. This is reflective of Personnel Policy. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to renew Superintendent Stephanie Dixon's contract for 3 years with an annual raise of five percent (5%) for each year of the contract. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote (Janet Banister voted no).

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2021 monthly board meeting. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to approve the January 31, 2021 financial report. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Steve Dunham made a motion to approve the ASBA Workers' Compensation Trust invoice for the amount of \$8,642.00 (coverage period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar (Option 1) that was approved by popular vote of the Blevins School District staff. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon notified the board that the new interest rate on the school's checking account with Farmers Bank and Trust would be 0.75 percent through December 31, 2021 (this interest rate will be reviewed again in January 2022). No action was needed by the board on this issue.

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

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

Curriculum Coordinator (Autumn Reeder) submitted a report to the board concerning 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) submitted a report to the board concerning the activities and academic status in the elementary school.

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

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the purchase of a Walk Behind Scrubber in the amount of \$5,414.14 for the elementary school. This item will be purchased from CARES ACT. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Steve Dunham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
