

Blevins School Board Meeting
January 11, 2021
Blevins Cafetorium

The regular board meeting was held January 11, 2021 in the high school cafetorium. President Laura Clark called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Board members Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Carl McGill, Norma Muldrew, Chandra Dixon, and Steven Dunham (through Zoom) were present.

Carl McGill opened the meeting with prayer and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Laura Clark requested that the vote to renew Superintendent Stephanie Dixon's contract be moved to February's meeting because all of the evaluations had not been completed. The scheduled meeting for February will begin at 6:00 pm with the board going into immediate executive session to discuss this matter. The regularly scheduled meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Norma Muldrew made the motion to approve the December board minutes. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Janet Banister made the motion to approve the financial report. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dixon reported that the state ran out of money for the Covid relief for salary reimbursement in the amount of \$72,000.00. Blevins is on the pending list. More CARES relief money is expected.

President Laura Clark made the motion to accept the May election guidelines and the Proposed Budget of Expenditures. Norma Muldrew seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dixon requested that Blevins promote Advanced Placement Classes enrollment by buying participating students t-shirts and paying students 50.00 for each subject passed. In doing so, more students will enroll and the program will grow, which will improve Blevins school report card.

President Laura Clark made the motion to grant her request and make it retroactive for the 2019-2020 school year. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Carl McGill made the motion to accept the Covid 19 Leave Policy Extension making it retroactive to January 4th. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. This policy was voted on by Blevins staff and passed with 91.7 approval.

Board members Chandra Dixon and Carl McGill will need to receive 6 hours of training each before being eligible to participate in school business before the February board meeting.

Superintendent Dixon gave the high school and elementary reports.

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Curriculum Coordinator, Autumn Reeder reported that she will attend training to get ready for State testing.

Ms. Jones gave the Covid 19 report, which constituents can access on the school website as well as the Arkansas Department of Education website.

Mrs. Jennifer Stegall reported on the Friends for Santa Program. There were 27 sponsors who helped 14 families including 37 children.

Superintendent Dixon reported that AAEA has partnered with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET), a national education nonprofit with a mission to support educator effectiveness to increase student opportunities, through a Walton Family Foundation grant to support 25 rural school districts in Arkansas to form the Arkansas Rural Educator Network (AREN).

Superintendent Dixon informed the board that 35 high school students were considered high absenteeism, and a significant percentage of those 35 students failed courses. Due to this there would be a need for summer school.

Chandra Dixon made the motion to accept the bid for BXS Insurance in the amounts of \$4, 513.00 for instate and \$541.00 for out of state insurance. Norma Muldrew seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Laura Clark made the motion to pay \$1,000.00 to Chris Woodruff for Shooting sports, which was inadvertently overlooked making it retroactive for the 2019 and 2020-21 school year. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Janet Banister made the motion to adjourn at 8 pm. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

