

(PENDING APPROVAL BY THE SCHOOL BOARD)

BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MARCH 8, 2021

CAFETERIA

The regular board meeting was held March 8, 2021 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Laura Clark. Board members present: Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Cindy Parks, and Carl McGill.

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

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 15, 2021 monthly board meeting. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Carl McGill made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 25, 2021 special board meeting. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the February 28, 2021 financial report. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon discussed some of the state mandates related to the Ready For Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The Arkansas Department of Education is recommending schools continue with the current plan at this time. The school board will review the issue again at the April board meeting.

Kim Cox (PPC committee chairman) presented salary schedules to the board. Carl McGill made a motion to approve the Certified Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years (salary schedule meets all state mandates); the Bus Driver Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year; the Classified Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year; and the Stipend Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year (no changes to the amount of stipend -- only position/title changes for audit purposes). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the Personnel Renewal sheet. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

High School Principal (Jeffrey Steed) submitted a report to the board concerning the activities and academic status in the high school. Also, Kim Cox discussed plans for the upcoming prom.

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

Assistant Principal (Natalie Jones) updated the board concerning the Covid case numbers for students and staff in the Blevins School District.

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.

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.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon advised the board of professional development courses that staff members are planning to attend.

Board President Laura Clark updated the board on upcoming board training being offered through ASBA.

Laura Clark made a motion to appoint Dave Philips to fill the Zone 1 position on the Blevins School Board. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to purchase an air curtain refrigerator for the cafeteria at a cost of \$5,460.71 from Webstaurant. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel hires. The board came out of executive session at 8:13 p.m.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Candaice Eriksson as K-12 Art Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Natalie Jones as high school principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
