

Benton School District

Benton Board of Education

02/08/2021 05:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

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Professional Development Center

211 North Border

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by board president, Holley Little.

II. Establishment of Quorum

All board members present: Paul Childress, Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jonathan Woolbright.

III. Pledge of Allegiance**IV. Panther Pride**

- A. AEA Award - Chad Pitts
- B. MLK Essay Contest - Curt Barger

V. Consent Agenda

5:36, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve Aramark Invoices for November and December 2020
- E. Approve SRO 3rd Quarter Invoice
- F. Approve Payment of Workers Comp Trust

VI. Action Items**A. Approval of Foundations - Dr. Kim Anderson**

Dr. Kim Anderson presented the request for funding of Foundations for lower grades and to extend to 3rd grade.

5:38, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the request.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of new signage - Kevin Chastain**1. Benton High School Digital Sign**

Kevin Chastain presented the request for new sign at BHS. He explained that the higher bid was best for the district needs due to a better quality and higher resolution of the equipment.

5:41, Paul Childress made motion to approve the bid \$70,174.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Angie Grant Digital Sign

Kevin Chastain presented the request for new sign at Angie Grant Elementary. He explained that the higher bid was best for the district needs due to a better quality and higher resolution of the equipment.

5:42, Luke Fulcher made motion to approve the \$24,755 for the higher bid.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of 2021-2022 Calendar - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith, representing the PPC and CPPC, presented the calendars that were options for the district staff consideration and Option 1 was the choice with the most votes.

5:46 Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve Option 1 calendar for 2021-22 school year.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval to update Policy 3.32.1 - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith, representing the PPC, requested the board approve an update to policy 3.32.1, to extend the Covid emergency leave policy through June 20, 2021.

The staff voted to approve this policy 205/3.

5:48, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve policy 3.32.1 as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approval to Update Policy 8.23.1 - Dr. Larry Smith
 Dr. Smith, representing the CPPC, requested the board approve an update to policy 8.23.1, to extend the Covid emergency leave policy through June 20, 2021.
 The staff voted to approve this policy 109/5. Brian Lowrance, was also present as representative for the CPPC.
 5:49, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve policy 8.23.1 as requested.
 Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind section 3 and 8 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, sections 3 and 8. - Dr. Larry Smith
 5:53, Jarrod Hambric made motion to rescind sections 3 and 8 in order to adopt the ASBA model policies.
 Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 The board will meet in the near future for workshop to discuss possible changes to the policies.

VII. Executive Session (if needed)

The board went to executive session at 5:53 and returned at 6:56.

VIII. Personnel Recommendations - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Larry Smith presented administration's recommendations for personnel report.
 6:58, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve personel report as presented.
 Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Departmental Update

- A. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley

X. Department Reports

- A. Personnel and Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith
 B. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
 C. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders
 D. Special Education - A. McWhorter
 E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - S. Adams
 F. Facilities Report - K. Chastain
 G. Transportation Report- D. Revis
 H. Athletics Report - S. Neathery
 I. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley

XI. Superintendent's Report

- A. February 9, 2021 - ASBA School Law Seminar - Virtual Meeting
 B. February 23, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board
 C. March 8, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
 D. March 22 - 26, 2021 - Spring Break

XII. Student Disciplinary Hearing

The Board recessed at 7:02 to clear the room for a closed hearing.

- A. Student #901700

The student and parent were present for the hearing.

The board went to executive session at 7:27 and returned at 7:56.

7:56, Jarrod Hambric made motion for suspendend expulsion and to place at Fusion.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

President

Secretary