

Marked Tree Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. Members present were: Ms. Vickie Green, Mr. Ryan Blankenship, Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., and Ms. Jessica Fernandez.. Members absent: Ms. Dana Ashcraft. President Jessica Fernandez called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2020:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting . Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial report was presented by Superintendent Matt Wright. Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

III. TEACHER PRESENTATION:

Elementary teacher Ms. Leanda Key gave a presentation of her students learning process.

IV. APPROVE PROPOSED 2021-2022 CALENDAR:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the attached 2021-2022 Calendar. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

V. APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright that Marked Tree School District adopt the attached proposed budget of expenditures with tax levy for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and including June 30, 2023 and approve all related election documents. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

VI. APPROVE BOARD TRAINING REPORT:

Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to approve the board training report given by Superintendent Matt Wright whom informed board members that all board members have met their annual required training hours with the exception of the newest member Mr. Ryan Blankenship who must obtain an additional 3 hours of board training prior to December 31, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

VII. FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING: CHANGE OF DATE:

Superintendent Matt Wright requested that the regular monthly board meeting for February be changed to February 22, 2021 due to President's Day on February 15, 2021.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Legislative Liaison Jessica Fernandez reviewed House Bills HB1102, 1193, 1171, and 1009 and SB142 which have been introduced to the legislator for consideration.

IX. ESSER FUNDS UPDATE:

Superintendent Matt Wright gave an update of the ESSER Funds. He reported that the district has until September 1, 2022 to spend the remaining balance of the first round of CARES Act funding. He also reported that the district will receive a much larger allotment in the second round of the CARES Act funding and will have until September 1, 2023 to spend those funds. The 2nd allotment of ESSER funds can be used for food security, technology, systemic procedures planning and implementing activities during long term closures. Funds can also be used for facilities repair and upgrade projects to improve indoor air quality including heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, filtering and purification and will also include window and door replacements.

X. COVID UPDATES:

Superintendent Matt Wright reported that approximately 50% of teachers and staff received their first round of the COVID vaccine through the Family Care Pharmacy and will be scheduled shortly for their second round of the vaccine. Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to continue the policy to grant teachers and staff with 10 COVID leave days using the State and Federal guidelines that were in place during the 4th quarter. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

XI. PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Elementary Principal Lisa Gray reported to board members that she had worked with elementary teachers and together they had devised a chart using Marzonos Best Practices listing teaching methods that should be observed in the class room on a daily basis, a list setting out methods that may be observed in the classroom and a list of things that should never be observed in the classroom. She stated that due to the pandemic these observances have not be put into place during the first semester but now that the COVID practices have been put into place teachers can now focus on their next step that will go deeper into Marzonos Best Practices. She reported that the teachers will do more instructional rounds to collect data and observe current practices that teachers are using and select one of those elements to research and implement into their classrooms and share with other teachers.

XII. PERSONNEL (SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION):

President Jessica Fernandez called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to extend the contract of Superintendent Matt Wright thru June 30, 2024. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to accept the resignation of Sydney Wages and Leah Cochran at the end of their contracts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to add stipends for Asst. Girls JR/SR Basketball and Asst. Softball to the contract of Amelia Nash for the FY21 School Year. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS (from BOARD MEMBERS):

No other business was discussed.

President Jessica Fernandez adjourned the meeting.

Ms. Jessica Fernandez
Board President

Ms. Dana Ashcraft
Board Secretary