

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Meeting

Minutes

August 9, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Southside High School Media Center

1. Board President Brad Cummings called the meeting to order. All board members were present.
2. Ms. Poole, Elementary Principal gave the following report from the elementary.
 - They are ready for open house.
 - Elementary had a growth spurt. K - 147. 1st - 148. 2nd - 144. 3rd - 180. 8 - Kindergarten classrooms, 7 - 1st and 2nd grade classrooms, 8 – 3rd grade classrooms. Added a 3rd grade teacher.
3. Ms. Turner, Middle School Principal gave the following report from the Middle School.
 - 440 Middle School students with 30 new students and 5 virtual students.
 - All teachers received Mac Books.
4. Mr. George Sitkowski, Junior High Principal gave the following report from the Junior High.
 - 7th grade – 175, 8th grade 167, 9th grade 187 totaling 529 students.
 - The building looks good.
5. Mr. Jimmy Hodges gave the following report for the High School.
 - 426 Students with 21 being new.
 - 3 Seniors earned credit through summer school to get their diploma.

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6. Ms. Novella gave the Preschool report in Ms. Lisa McGhee's absence.
 - Pre School has 291 students
 - 47 Full time teachers and employees
 - Last summer day for TRACKS was on 8-10-21.
 - Will close 5 days for teachers to prepare for new school year.
 7. Mr. McBride presented a resolution to raise the current mills by 4.8.
Motion made by Vonda Halford , seconded by Eric Low to accept the resolution. Motion carried 5-0
 8. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Tony May to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Motion carried 5-0
 9. Motion made by Eric Low and seconded by Vonda Halford to extend the graduation requirements of 22 credit hours for one additional year. This is the state minimum. Motion carried 5-0.
 10. Board President Brad Cummings welcomed New member Kyle Miller who replaced former board member Fred Denison, Sr.
 11. Motion made by Vonda Halford seconded by Tony May to approve the ESSER Budget. Motion carried 5-0
 12. Motion made by Eric Low and seconded by Tony May to approve the school improvement plans for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0
 13. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Eric Low to accept the resignation of bus driver David Payne. Motion carried 5-0
 14. Motion made by Tony May and seconded by Vonda Halford to offer contracts to the following individuals.

- Donita Welch – 3rd grade teacher
- Shani Kramer – Part time certified, part time classified. Motion carried for both 5-0

15. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Eric Low to move the remaining amount from Fund 2001 to the building fund in anticipation of the upcoming building project. Motion carried 5-0

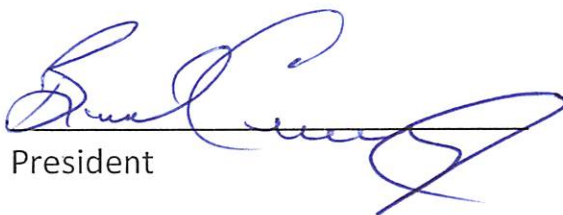
16. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Kyle Miller to approve the district bills and financial statement. Motion carried 5-0

17. Superintendent Dion Stevens congratulated Dr. Nancy Churchwell for obtaining her degree of Doctorate of Education from Harding University.

18. Superintendent Dion Stevens gave the following report.

- Open House will be August 16th with a vaccine clinic to be held in the gymnasium.
- August 17th – Meet the Southerners.
- August 18th – Classes begin
- August 19th – First home football scrimmage.
- Entegriety moved from local location to North Little Rock. Project still in motion for planned solar field.
- Fixing up the visitor press box at the football field.

19. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Kyle Miller to adjourn.
Motion carried 5-0


President


Secretary