

**BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021
CAFETERIA**

The regular board meeting was held August 30, 2021 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Laura Clark. Board members present: Laura Clark; Cindy Parks, Janet Banister, and Steve Dunham.

Prayer was led by Janet Banister, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2021 monthly board meeting. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education 2020-2021 Statement of Assurance Standard of Accreditation. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Statement of Assurances For Programs Under The Elementary And Secondary Education Act of 1965 As Amended By The Every Student Succeeds Act for Federal Programs. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept both bids from Rowton's Refrigeration for 2 A/C units for the cafeteria at \$4,764.66 each. (one unit includes a float switch) Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon updated the board on the renaming of the Blevins Elementary School. She is researching for signs and an unveiling ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The annual public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria following the ceremony, and the September board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The board reviewed the Ready For Learning Plan and agreed that this plan will be reviewed at each monthly board meeting.

The board went into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came out of executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Laura Clark made a motion to continue with the Ready For Learning Plan as written until the next regular board meeting. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept the resignations of Charles Steelman effective immediately; Kelly Webb effective immediately; and Mary Townsend effective August 17, 2021. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Laura made a motion to hire the following staff for the 2021-2022 school year: Austin Driver as Paraprofessional effective September 14, 2021; Kayla Branham as cafeteria worker effective August 31, 2021; and Whitney McElroy as custodian (180-day contract). **NOTE: All new hires are dependent on the completion of background checks.**

Janet Banister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
