



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 19, 2021 6:00 P.M. DIERKS BOARD ROOM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bubba McSpadden, Presiding Officer,  
Brad Garner, Wendell Garner, Trey Eckert, Jeffrey Mounts

MEETING NUMBER 3

Bubba McSpadden called the meeting to order. Jeffrey Mounts opened with prayer.

The minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved as written by a consensus of the board.

The financial reports were approved as presented by the superintendent by a consensus of the board.

A motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert, passed unanimously to approve a quote from SAVVAS for a 3-year math curriculum for \$20,060.18.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 Ready for Learning Plan.

A motion was made by Brad Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert, passed unanimously to allow the PeeWee Basketball teams to use the High School gym, contingent upon the agreement presented to the board.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Wendell Garner, passed unanimously to accept 11 transfers into the district, and 2 transfers out of the district.

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:57p.m.

They returned from executive session at 7:33p.m.

A motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Jeffrey Mounts, passed unanimously to add Andrea Ford, Tiffani Bond, Misti Eduy and Hannah Hawthorne to the substitute list.

A motion was made by Wendell Garner and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to hire Brodie Faughn as School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO will be an employee of the city

of Dierks. The district will pay the cities rate of a full time officer, plus insurance and retirement benefits during the months employed by the school.

Discussion of other items included:

1. The current enrollment at JoAnn Walters Elementary is at 281. The enrollment at Dierks High School is at 241.
2. Superintendent Jody Cowart discussed possible ways to improve the traffic at JoAnn Walters Elementary.
3. The district would like to thank the local churches for providing teachers and staff with meals during professional development. The district would also like to thank Brian Caldwell for delivering care packages to students.
4. 16 year old Mackay Smith was selected by the Arkansas Activity Association to represent his district on the Student Advisory Counsel. Smith was one of the 9 students who were selected across the state. Smith will meet with AAA Representative Steve Roberts and be considered for future opportunities to travel to next year's National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:34p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Approval Date