

BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2021
CAFETERIA

The regular board meeting was held July 12, 2021 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Vice-President Carl McGill. Board members present: Carl McGill, Cindy Parks, Janet Banister, and Steve Dunham.

Prayer was led by Carl McGill, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Dave Phillips arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2021 monthly board meeting. Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the June 30, 2021 financial report. Steven Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Carl McGill made a motion to transfer \$450,000.00 from Legal Balance to Building Fund. Steven Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Jessica Langston spoke to the board regarding a parent grievance ----- transfer of a student. The transfer request was denied at the June 14, 2021 board meeting.

Stephens Investment Firm will be conducting financial training for board members on August 9, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Carl McGill made a motion to approve the changes to the Blevins High School Student Handbook and the Blevins Elementary Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the Board Policy updates. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Dave Phillips made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,263.40 annual subscription from Apex Learning for K-12 ALE curriculum and blended learning. Steven Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept the bid for \$16,614.92 for the school year 2021-2022 math curriculum (IM-Math Curriculum). Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the bid of \$12,210.05 annual subscription from Renaissance for AR Reading Program. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Steven Dunham made a motion to accept the Option 3 bid for \$14,700.00 for Lexia from Lexia Learning Systems LLC. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Dave Phillips made a motion to purchase twenty 14-inch Chromebooks for \$6,170.00 from CDW-G. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Steven Dunham made a motion to continue services for our School Resource Office for the 2021-2022 school year with the Hempstead County Sheriff's Office. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the bid for food and paper from Tri-Lakes School Nutrition Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion also included the acceptance of the bid for milk for the 2021-2022 school year. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

High School Principal (Natalie Jones) updated the board on activities and academic status in the high school

No report from Elementary Principal (Lara Herring).

Curriculum Coordinator (Autumn Reeder) updated the board on the steps the District is taking to increase test scores, and steps being taken to assist our teachers in improving academics in our district.

Federal Programs Coordinator (Stephanie Clark) updated the board on the steps the District is taking to ensure Blevins Schools remains in compliance with all Federal and State Requirements.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon updated the board on items that she and her administrative staff are working on to improve the Blevins School District for our students, staff, and community.

The board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came out of executive session at 7:59 p.m.

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the resignation of Lara Herring as Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2021. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to hire the following staff for the 2021-2022 school year: David Franks as Maintenance Worker (240-day contract); Chris Woodruff as bus driver (178-day

contract); Odessa Walton as elementary school teacher; Sharon Tankersley as High School Special Education teacher; and Louise Keithley as Elementary Principal. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
