

BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
CAFETERIA

Prior to the board meeting, a dedication ceremony was held at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria regarding the renaming of the Blevins Elementary School ----- will now be known as the **Randy Hughes Elementary School**.

At 6:35 p.m. the Annual Report To The Public was presented by Superintendent Stephanie Dixon.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by President Laura Clark. Board members present: Laura Clark; Carl McGill; Cindy Parks; Janet Banister; Steve Dunham; and Dave Phillips.

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

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 30, 2021 board meeting. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Steve Dunham made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 financial report. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the Arkansas Department Of Education Annual Financial Report For 2020-2021 And Budget For 2021-2022. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the Resolution Of The Blevins School District Board Of Education regarding eligible employees who received an increase of 5% or more from their previous year's contract amount for the 2021-2022 school year. The Blevins School District Board Of Education authorized the approval and adoption of the salary increase of the eligible employees for the 2021-2022 school year. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reviewed the Ready For Learning Plan. No changes were made.

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the bid from K&J Fencing for \$12,979.70 to remove the current fence around the elementary playground and install a 6 foot chain link fence (790 feet). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. NOTE: This was the only bid received.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon updated the board on the status of our school buses.

Laura Clark made a motion to approve the FCCLA trip to Washington DC on November 5-7, 2021 for a conference (contingent upon the FCCLA members raising the funds to cover the expenses prior to the trip). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

Elementary Principal (Louise Keithley) updated the board on activities and academic status in the elementary school.

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.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept the bid from Rowton's Refrigeration for \$5,550.00 for the replacement of a walk-in cooler system (indoor and outdoor unit). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The board went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Rachael Schaefer as a Special Ed Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year. Start date is dependent upon passing a background check. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to hire Raven Nicole Smith as elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Start date is dependent upon ETP approval and background check. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Laura Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
