



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 24, 2022 5:00 P.M. DIERKS BOARD ROOM

MEMBERS

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

MEETING NUMBER 8

Bubba McSpadden called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present. Jeffrey Mounts opened with prayer.

The board held an expulsion hearing for student #12112.

In open session, a motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Jeffrey Mounts passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the superintendent for the expulsion of student ID#12112 until January 18, 2023.

The board held an expulsion hearing for student #12649.

In open session, a motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the superintendent for the expulsion of student ID#12649 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

The board held an expulsion hearing for student #13019.

In open session, a motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the superintendent for the expulsion of student ID#13019 until January 18, 2023.

Bubba McSpadden stated that this concluded the expulsion hearing.

The minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved as written by a consensus of the board.

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

Superintendent, Jody Cowart reported that each board members completed their required training hours.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert, passed unanimously to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 to and including June 30, 2024 and to approve all related election documents.

The board adjourned to executive session at 5:24 p.m. to discuss the hiring of personnel.

The board returned from executive session at 6:08 p.m.

A motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to accept a retirement letter for Cindy Martin.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Wendell Garner, passed unanimously to add Lee Anna Simmons and Brittany Hill to the substitute list.

A motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to extend the Superintendents contract another year, until June 30, 2025, as per the salary schedule.

Discussion of other items included:

1. **JAWES:** Enrollment is currently at 286. Class pictures will be Wednesday. Fourth grade will take the NAEP test Feb. 9, which is also the date progress reports will be sent home.
2. **DHS:** Enrollment is currently 224. Steve Martin Invitational Tournament has started this week with game times on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Baseball will be having their chili and soup fundraiser Friday, January 28 during the Caddo Hills basketball games. Basketball will travel to Horatio on Tuesday, January 25. The Mountain Pine game has been rescheduled to February 5.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:11 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Approval Date