

**BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022
CAFETERIA**

The regular board meeting was held January 10, 2022 in the school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 Dave Phillips, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2021 board meeting. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Steve Dunham made a motion to approve the November 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021 financial reports. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The board received an updated report on the COVID Levels of Response. No changes to current policies were made.

The board received an updated report on the Literacy Support Status of the Blevins School District.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the 2022 Master plan and Statement of Assurance. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Dave Phillips made a motion to accept the recommended changes to 4.25—STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING section of the student handbook. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept the recommended new policy regarding CHECK IN AND OUT PROCEDURES of the student handbook. Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion regarding the Blevins School District Retention Incentive pay:

1. All staff members that were employed in the Fall semester of 2021 will receive a one-time payment of \$1,500.00 in February 2022
2. All staff members that are employed in the Fall semester of 2022 will receive a one-time payment of \$1,500.00 in October 2022

Dave Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to authorize Superintendent Stephanie Dixon to pursue/review for interest in starting a football program in the Blevins School District. Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Stephanie Dixon advised the board that the administration plans to seek the opinion from staff and community members regarding 4-Day School Week. She will gather information and feedback and report findings to the board.

Board members reviewed their ASBA training house to ensure that all board members have received the required training. Board members have until the February 2022 board meeting to acquire the required training hours.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the BXS Insurance annual premium of \$4,615.00 for School Board Legal Liability Employment Practices Liability for 02/02/2022 to 02/01/2023, The motion also includes the approval of the BXS Insurance annual premium of \$541.00 for General Liability Coverage Outside of Arkansas for 02/02/2022 to 02/01/2023, 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), not present, provided a report to the board regarding activities and academic status in the elementary school.

Curriculum Coordinator (Autumn Reeder), not present, provided a report to the board regarding 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), not present, provided a report to the board regarding 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.

Laura Clark made a motion to appoint Tim Brosius to fill the board position vacated by Chandra Dixon (Zone 1). Steve Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. **NOTE: Mr. Brosius will serve on the board until the next election in May 2022.**

The board went into executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came out of executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Mitchell effective November 12, 2021; accept the resignation of Patricia Sturdevant effective December 2, 2021; hire Takars Verge as maintenance worker beginning December 7, 2021; hire Maronica Howard as PE teacher beginning January 3, 2022; and change the contract for Ashley Basham from ALE

teacher to long-term substitute teacher (salary to remain the same for the school year 2021-2022). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Laura Clarkl seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

NOTE: Due to redistricting of the Blevins School District, all current board positions will be up for re-election in the May 24, 2022 school board elections. Filing period ends March 1, 2022. Any parties interested in seeking a position on the Blevins School Board may contact their local County Clerk for details regarding filing requirements.

MINUTES:

BOARD PRESIDENT:

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER:
