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BOARD MINUTES
December 15, 2021

Opening Remarks & Welcome

The Dawson Education Board of Directors met for the December board meeting at Dawson Co-op in Building 7. Vice-President Stephanie Nehus welcomed everyone and established a quorum. She and Mr. Beckwith also asked everyone to pray for President Danny Thomas who could not make it due to a family emergency. The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ronnie Kissire, second by Tim Holicer to approve the November Financial Report, Financial Addendum and Board Minutes. 10:33

New Business

A motion was made by Ronnie Kissire, second by Matt Donaghy to approve the wall panel quote from Kirk Roofing for \$69,833.05. 10:33

Recognition

Bethany Smith, K-6 Virtual Coordinator recognized the K-6 Student and Ambassador of the month. The students were chosen based on their attendance via zooms, engagement, listening, participation and timely completion of class work. The students were from the following district: 10:35

Ambassador – Hot Springs School District
Kindergarten – Centerpoint School District
1st Grade – Arkadelphia School District
2nd Grade – Harmony Grove School District
3rd Grade – Lake Hamilton School District
4th Grade – Arkadelphia School District
5th Grade – Bauxite School District
6th Grade – Benton School District

Speakers

John Craft with Craft, Veach & Company discussed the 2020-2021 Audit Report for the Co-Op. A motion was made by Ronnie Kissire, second by Dan Breshears to approve the audit report. 10:38

Don Benton, DESE Assistant Commissioner of Research and Technology, discussed the upcoming events that will be taking place. He also discussed cybersecurity and told everyone to be aware of their digital activity

especially during the holidays. 10:48

Coordinators' Comments

- Candiss Bennett – TCC Updates
 1. ACT Aspire
 2. Curriculum & Instruction Materials
 3. HQIM
 4. Mental Health
 5. ESSER

Personnel

New Hires, Resignations:

New Hires:

Stacey Tatera – Teacher of the Deaf/Deaf Education Specialist – 240 Professional- Level D, Step 25 – 1.043 Multiplier

Gretchen Boyes – Jessieville ABC Teacher – BSE Step 10 – 190 Day Teacher

Resignations:

Misty Smith – Bryant HIPPY Home Visitor

Lydia Desambourg – ABC Teacher

Shelley Tucker – ABC Teacher

Catalina Beasley – HIPPY Home Based Educator

Retirement:

Titus Lindsay – ADE Software Developer

A motion was made by Susan Kissire, second by Brad Sullivan to approve the new hires, resignations and retirement and the motion was carried. 11:08

Superintendents' Forum

The discussion included:

- Upcoming School Calendar
- Competitive Pay

Director's Comments

Mr. Beckwith informed everyone that a survey will be sent via email to decide whether to repair the scissor lift or purchase another good refurbished one. Mr. Beckwith congratulated the Centerpoint Academy of Agriculture & Skilled Trades (CAAST) who was recently recognized in "The Report Card: an ASBA publication. Mr. Beckwith reminded everyone that due to a scheduling conflict, January's board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th. In closing, he reminded everyone that Dawson is always here and HAPPY to help in anyway. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the holidays and to get some rest!

Adjourn

- With no further business, motion to adjourn by Dan Breshears, second by Ronnie Kissire. 11:27
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Board Vice-President Signature

