

**BEEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jason Smith, President
Mr. Bennie Brock Jr., Vice President
Mr. Clay Goff, Secretary
Mrs. Martha Farmer, Member
Mr. Chris McElmurry, Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Chris Nail, Superintendent
Dr. Rick Duff, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Scott Embrey, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Holly Glover, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Brandy Dillin, Director of Special Programs
Mrs. Jessica Prothro, Asst. Director of Communications and Recorder of Minutes
Visitors and Media

The Beebe Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022, in the Beebe School Board Meeting Room.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jason Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. EXPULSION HEARING

The Board entered a Closed Expulsion Hearing for student RM. (Student ID# 900001459). Mr. Cody Kees introduced the details of the hearing and the procedures to be followed. The student's guardian agreed to the procedures. Mr. Zeb Prothro then presented the facts of the case on behalf of Beebe Junior High. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Jason Smith made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session at 5:10 pm, seconded by Clay Goff. The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:15 pm.

Clay Goff made a motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

The student's expulsion period will be from October 18, 2022 through May 26, 2023. The student will continue to receive educational services via an online platform.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Nail presented the Agenda with no changes.

Bennie Brock Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Martha Farmer.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

A. Early Childhood: Students were recognized for high growth on the 2021-22 NWEA Map Reading and Math assessments. Reading Growth - Kindergarten: Kelei Reed 45 points and Isaac Musto 49 points, Math Growth - Kindergarten: Hannah Goodman 48 points, Jaselyn Wolff 48 points, and Kane Jackson 49 points, Reading Growth - 1st Grade: Brantley Jones 40 points and Kanon Spann 46 points, Math Growth - 1st Grade: Brantley Jones 46 points and Tate O'Dell 52 points.

B. Griffin - Griffin, Beebe Early Childhood's emotional assistance dog, earned a medal for his service to the students and staff of BEC.

C. Shooting Sports Team - The Beebe Shooting Sports team was recognized for their hard work and accomplishments. This spring, they had four squads compete at the regional competition. One of their senior squads won 1st place at regionals and made it to the top 16 at the state competition.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Dr. Nail presented the September Board Meeting minutes for approval with no changes or additions.

Chris McElmurry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Martha Farmer.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Dr. Nail presented the Special October Board Meeting minutes for approval with no changes or additions.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

C. Dr. Duff presented the September Financial Report for approval.

Martha Farmer made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

A. Dr. Duff presented an update on the Fiscal Resources section of the District Strategic Plan.

B. Mrs Prothro presented an update on the Family and Community Engagement section of the District Strategic Plan.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Dr. Nail presented his monthly Superintendent’s Report to the board.

B. Mrs. Jenkins presented the annual Early Childhood update to the board.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Legal Transfers -
Dr. Embrey presented for approval two (2) legal transfers into the district.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the transfers as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Purchase over \$23,100 -
Dr. Duff presented for approval one (1) purchase over \$23,100:
1) The purchase of twenty (20) televisions and Screen Beams for a cost not to exceed \$35,000. These TVs will replace outdated Smart Boards at Beebe Elementary.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

C. ARP Budget Update -

Dr. Duff presented for approval updates to the district’s plan for use of ESSER II and ARP funds. No new projects were added. Amounts were adjusted for some projects, and funds were moved from ESSER II to ARP and vice versa. Detailed plans for use of funds are available upon request.

Bennie Brock Jr. made a motion to approve the updates as presented, seconded by Martha Farmer.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

D. Designation of CEO for 2022-23 School Year -

Dr. Nail presented for approval that he designated as the district’s CEO for the 2022-3 school year, allowing him to sign all documents on behalf of the school district.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the designation as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

IX. PERSONNEL

Dr. Nail presented the following personnel changes for approval:

Resignations:

- Chastity Williams, Sign Language Interpreter, Effective Date September 30, 2022
- Meagan Welcher, HIPPI Home Based Educator, Effective Date October 28, 2022

New Contract:

- Samantha Davis, Elementary Instructional Assistant, Effective Date October 10, 2022

Bennie Brock Jr. made a motion to approve the personnel changes as presented, seconded by Martha Farmer.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

***Following the personnel approval, Dr. Nail suggested to the board that, if there are no personnel recommendations for the December 19, 2022 board meeting, the**

meeting be moved to 4:00 pm to allow time for the meeting to take place before the district Christmas party, scheduled for 6:00 pm that evening. All board members agreed to the change.

X. ADJOURN

Clay Goff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm, seconded by Chris McElmurry.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0