

**BEEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2023**

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
Mr. Ryan Marshall, Director of Athletics and Safety
Mr. Art Bell, Director of Human Resources, Legal Affairs, Federal 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, February 6, 2023, in the Beebe School Board Meeting Room.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jason Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bennie Brock Jr. Jason Smith recited the district's Mission Statement. The Invocation was led by Clay Goff.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Nail presented the Agenda with no changes.

Martha Farmer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Clay Goff.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

III. EXPULSION HEARINGS

A. The Board entered a Closed Expulsion Hearing for Student J.S. (Student ID# 900006635). Mr. Art Bell introduced the details of the hearing. Dr. Karla Tarkington explained the circumstances of the expulsion recommendation.

B. The Board entered a Closed Expulsion Hearing for Student A.L. (Student ID# 900002555). Mr. Art Bell introduced the details of the hearing. Mr. Zeb Prothro then explained the circumstances of the expulsion recommendation.

Mr. Jason Smith moved the Board into Executive Session at 5:17 pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:24 pm.

In the case of Student J.S., Bennie Brock Jr. made a motion to uphold the superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Clay Goff seconded the motion.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

The student's expulsion period will be from February 7, 2023 through May 26, 2023. The student will continue to receive educational services via an online platform.

In the case of Student A.L., Jason Smith made a motion to uphold the superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Martha Farmer seconded the motion.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

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IV. STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

A. These Beebe High School students were recognized for high growth on the NWEA Map test:

Mackenzie Brundage

Weston Youngblood

Lendzi Bayles

Emily Davis

Oceanna Thomason

Gabriel Frazier

Also, Landen McCullough was recognized for receiving the Character-in-Leadership award - a full tuition, room and board scholarship from the Air Force. He was one of only 100 winners in the country, and the only winner in the state of Arkansas.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

B. Dr. Tarkington presented the annual High School update to the board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Dr. Duff presented the January Financial Report for approval.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Great Minds Fellow Contract Approval -
Dr. Nail presented for approval that Mrs. Amber Gordon enter into a contract with Great Minds in the 2023-24 school year. Great Minds will pay 10% of Mrs. Gordon's salary in exchange for her providing professional development for the company during the summer and once monthly throughout the school year.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. ASBA Workers Compensation Coverage -
Dr. Nail presented for approval that the district purchase workers compensation coverage from ASBA for calendar year 2023 for a total of \$43,667.00.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

C. Facilities Consortium Contract -

Dr. Nail presented for approval that the district renew its two-year contract with Aliza Jones as our facilities coordinator for a total of \$5,400.00 plus benefits.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

D. Sunshine School Contract -

Dr. Dillin presented for approval that the district enter into a contract with the Sunshine School in Searcy to service three (3) students in the Spring 2023 semester for a total of \$36,000.00.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

E. Alternative Learning Environment Plan -

Dr. Dillin presented for approval the district's alternative learning environment (ALE) plan for the 2023-24 school year. Due to new regulations, Arch Ford Coop. will no longer be able to service our ALE program. Therefore, the district will be regaining this responsibility. Total estimated yearly cost of the program is \$665,000.00 including staffing and curriculum needs.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Chris McElmurry.

VOTE: For – 4 Against – 1

Mr. Brock voted against the plan only due to its use of the Wit and Wisdom curriculum. He supports all other aspects of the plan.

F. WDMESC Psychological Examiners MOU -

Dr. Dillin presented for approval that the district renew its contract with Wilbur D. Mills Coop. for them to provide two psychological examiners to work in our district. The district will be billed monthly for the examiners' annual salaries.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

- G. Arkansas Children’s Hospital EARS MOU -
Dr. Dillin presented for approval that the district renew its contract with Arkansas Children’s Hospital to continue utilizing its EARS services for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. The district will be billed per semester based on the number of on site visits.

Chris McElmurry made a motion to approve the MOU as presented, seconded by Bennie Brock, Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

- H. Policy Updates -
Mr. Bell presented for approval policy updates for Policies 4.5F, 4.31, 5.29, and 6.5.

Martha Farmer made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented, seconded by Clay Goff.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

- I. HOSA Father Daughter Dance DJ -
Dr. Duff presented for approval that Mr. Matt Jenkins be paid \$500 for his service as the DJ of the HOSA Father Daughter Dance.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

VIII. PERSONNEL

Mr. Bell presented for approval the following personnel changes:

A. Resignations:

- Mason Hudson, High School Agricultural Science Teacher, Effective Date June 30, 2023
- Lauren Crews, Elementary Paraprofessional, Effective Date January 31, 2023
- Kole Carpenter, HUB Teacher / Assistant Senior Football / Assistant Senior Track, Effective Date June 30, 2023

B. Retirements:

- Lora Jackson, High School P.E. Teacher / SIP / Drug Testing, Effective Date June 30, 2023

C. New Contracts:

- Asa Mooney, High School Special Education Paraprofessional, Effective Date January 25, 2023
- Stephanie Price, High School Library Media Specialist, Effective Date August 2023
- Jenna Furman, Middle School Math/Science Teacher, Effective Date August 2023
- Brandi King, Middle School Math/Science Teacher, Effective Date August 2023

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

IX. ADJOURN

Clay Goff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0