

**BEEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 17, 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
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, April 17, 2023, 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. 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

III. BOARD WORK SESSION

The Board was presented with the district’s proposed 2023-2024 salary schedules

to meet the requirements of the LEARNS Law. No action was taken during the work session. After being presented to the PPC, the finalized salary schedules will be presented to the Board for approval during the May Board Meeting to be held on May 15, 2023.

IV. EXPULSION HEARINGS

A. The Board entered an Open Expulsion Hearing for Student Jase Miranda (Student ID# 900001510). Mr. Art Bell introduced the details of the hearing. Mr. Zeb Prothro explained the circumstances of the expulsion recommendation that the student be expelled through December 19, 2023 with a referral to the Alternative Learning Environment upon return from expulsion.. Jase's mother spoke on behalf of Jase. Evidence was viewed by the Board.

Mr. Jason Smith moved the Board into Executive Session at 5:54 pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:02 pm.

Clay Goff made a motion to uphold the superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled through December 19, 2023 with a referral to the Alternative Learning Environment upon return from expulsion. Bennie Brock, Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

The student's expulsion period will be from April 18, 2023 through December 19, 2023. The student will continue to receive educational services via an online platform. The student will be referred to the Alternative Learning Environment beginning January 3, 2024.

Office Zach Rigsby cleared the room.

B. At 6:04 pm, the Board entered a Closed Expulsion Hearing for Student P.P. (Student ID# 900002511). Mr. Art Bell introduced the details of the hearing. Mr. Zeb Prothro then explained the circumstances of the expulsion recommendation that the student be expelled through December 19, 2023. The student's mother spoke on behalf of the student.

Mr. Jason Smith moved the Board into Executive Session at 6:07 pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:16 pm.

In the case of Student P.P., Clay Goff made a motion to modify the expulsion recommendation to state that the student be expelled through August 10, 2023. If deemed appropriate upon assessment by a counselor in August, the student will

enter the Alternative Learning Environment beginning August 14, 2023. Bennie Brock, Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

The student’s expulsion period will be from April 18, 2023 through August 10, 2023. The student will continue to receive educational services via an online platform. If deemed appropriate upon assessment by a counselor in August, the student will enter the Alternative Learning Environment beginning August 14, 2023.

V. STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

A. These students were recognized for their Gifted and Talented accomplishments this year:

Kaden Richards
Kylie McClain
Emily Magby
Adrianna Gill
Nathan Bunting
Kadence Balbo
Annie DiFlorio
Elise Yannayon
Nicholas Cummings
Grace Jones
Brady McMullen
Kailey Stigler
McKenzie Ballinger
Naomi DiFlorio
Easton Hinds
Colin Brinsfield
Garrison Waldrop
Hannah Marler
Landon Goodman
Aubrey Jackson

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

B. Ms. Deaton presented the annual Gifted & Talented and Advanced Placement Programs update to the board.

C. Mrs. Glover presented a report on the Family Center, Badger Family Pantry, and Clothes Closets.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Dr. Duff presented the March 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

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Audit Report -

Dr. Duff presented the 2021-2022 Audit Report from Cobb and Suskie, LTD. The district had a clean audit with no findings.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Virtual Academy -

Mrs. Glover presented for approval that the district continue to offer a Virtual Academy for students in grades 7-12. The platforms used will be Virtual Arkansas and/or Apex.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

C. Per Diem Rate Adjustment for Meals -

Dr. Duff presented for approval that the the district raise the per diem amount for meals while traveling overnight on school-related business from \$35 per day to \$55 per day, effective April 18, 2023.

Bennie Brock, Jr. made a motion to approve the rate adjustment as

presented, seconded by Martha Farmer.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

D. Purchases over \$23,100 -

Dr. Duff presented for approval one (1) purchase over \$23,100: 1) The 2022-2023 Wilbur D. Mills Coop. Professional Development fee for a total not to exceed \$30,000. The total will be calculated based on the district's number of licensed staff multiplied by \$100.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

E. Legal Transfers -

Dr. Embrey presented for approval two (2) legal transfers into the district and one (1) legal transfer out of the district.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

IX. PERSONNEL

Mr. Bell presented for approval the following personnel changes:

A. Resignations:

- Jennifer Stroupe, 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date June 30, 2023
- Sarah Stogsdill, Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher/Sr. Girls' Soccer Coach, Effective Date June 30, 2023
- Kaeli Woechan, Early Childhood Science Paraprofessional, Effective Date June 30, 2023
- Shannon Rouse, Food Service Worker, Effective Date June 30, 2023
- Matthew Simpson, Sr. Band Director, Effective Date June 30, 2023

B. Retirements:

- Lewis Strate, Bus Driver, Effective Date June 30, 2023

C. Non-Renewals:

- Debbie Carter, Pre-K Paraprofessional, Effective Date June 30, 2023

D. Transfers:

- Jennifer Fithen, Elementary Special Education Teacher to Elementary Self-Contained Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023

- Andrea Embrey, Jr. High Special Education Teacher to ALE (HUB) Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Shelby Ruesewald, Sr. Asst. Girls Basketball Coach/9th Grade Physical Science Teacher to ALE (HUB) Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Nicholas Nesler, High School Special Education Teacher to Jr. High Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Shelly Owens, Middle School Self-Contained Teacher to ALE (CUBS) K-3 General Education and K-4 Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Samantha Kendrick, 2nd Grade Teacher to 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Art Bell, Director of Human Resources/Legal Affairs/Federal Programs to Secondary Social Studies Teacher/Asst. Jr. Boys Basketball/7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach/2nd Sport TBD, Effective Date July 18, 2023
- Tiffany Crafton, Jr. High Counselor to High School Counselor, Effective Date July 10, 2023
- Tracy Cox, Central Office Teacher Licensure/eSchool to Payroll Specialist/Employee Insurance/Employee Attendance, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Lauren Nicolle, Special Programs Administrative Assistant to Payroll Specialist/Employee Insurance/Employee Attendance, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Angela Stansbury, Middle School Special Education Teacher to Middle School Self-Contained Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Amanda Lewis, 7-12 Asst. Curriculum Director to 4th Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Ashley Brinkman, High School Math Teacher to Early Childhood Asst. Principal, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Dr. Karla Tarkington, High School Principal to Director of Federal Programs/Human Resources, Effective Date July 5, 2023

E. Contract Addendums:

- Jessica Prothro, Asst. Director of Communications/Instructional Technology to Director of Communications/Instructional Technology, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Annita Blausner, Dyslexia/Special Programs Coordinator to Asst. Director of Special Programs/District 504 Coordinator, Effective Date July 5, 2023

F. New Contracts:

- Kelly Weaver, OASIS (7-12 ALE) Special Education and General Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Lance Martin, OASIS (7-12 ALE) General Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023

- Christopher Robbins, CUBS (K-6 ALE) General Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Becca-Jo Parchman, OASIS (7-12 ALE) Instructional Asst., Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Christy Martin, CUBS (K-6 ALE) Instructional Asst., Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Lance Williams, Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional, Effective Date April 3, 2023
- Justin Mucha, Maintenance & Operations, Effective Date April 18, 2023
- Marion Holleman, Jr. High Key Coding Teacher/Asst. Sr. Volleyball Coach, Effective Date July 18, 2023
- Jordan Riley, Sr. Girls Basketball Coach/Elementary P.E. Teacher, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Devin Jones, Sr. Boys Basketball Coach/High School Health Teacher, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Lee Wimberley, High School Dean of Students, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Kenneth Quinn, Administrative/Finance Asst. to the Asst. Superintendent, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Helen Wilson, High School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Robert Jacobs, High School Asst. Football Coach/Teaching TBD, Effective Date July 18, 2023
- Alicengrace Allen, Sr. Band Director, Effective Date July 26, 2023
- Jason Wolff, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Nicole Mitsunaga, Jr. High Counselor, Effective Date July 18, 2023

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

X. ADJOURN

Clay Goff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0