

**BEEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 12, 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
Mrs. Holly Glover, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Ryan Marshall, Director of Athletics and Safety
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, June 12, 2023, in the Beebe School Board Meeting Room.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jason Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
Bennie Brock Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris McElmurry recited the District Mission Statement. Clay Goff led the invocation.

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Ms. Laveda Freeman was recognized for her 23 years of serving meals to our Board of Education. Ms. Laveda is retiring this month and will be missed.

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 Clay Goff.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Dr. Nail presented the May 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 May 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

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Marshall presented the annual Support Services Update to the board.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Board Officers -

All board members agreed to leave officer seats as they currently are. For the 2023-2024 school year, board officers will be as follows:

President - Jason Smith

Vice President - Bennie Brock Jr.

Secretary and Legislative Liaison - Clay Goff

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the board officer seats, seconded by Chris McElmurry.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

B. Wilbur D. Mills Cooperative Representative -

In accordance with Act 802 of 2023, Dr. Nail presented for approval that he serve as the district’s representative on the Wilbur D. Mills Cooperative Board of Directors for the next two years.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

C. Policy Updates -

Mrs. Prothro presented for approval all policy updates for 2023-2024. Policy changes will go into effect July 1, 2023.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

D. Commodities Bids -

Mr. Marshall presented for approval that the district purchase milk from Hiland Dairy, bread from Dawn Distributing, and fuel from Coulson Oil for the 2023-2024 school year.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the milk and bread purchase as presented, seconded by Chris McElmurry.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

E. Legal Transfers -

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

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

F. Purchase over \$23,100 -

Dr. Duff presented for approval the purchase of internet access points throughout the district via the E-rate program. Through this program, E-rate will pay 80% (\$108,875.78), and the district will pay 20% (\$17,218.95).

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

G. Ideal Office Machines Contract -

Dr. Duff presented for approval that the district to renew its contract with Ideal Office Machines for all copier needs through June 2024.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

- H. Related Service Proposals -
Dr. Dillin presented for approval that the district use Reaper Therapy as the primary service provider and H&H Therapy as the secondary service provider for all contract therapies in the 2023-2024 school year.

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

VII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Nail presented for approval the following personnel changes:

A. Resignations:

- Bill Nance, Bus Driver, Effective Date 6-30-2023
- Precious McCullough, Jr. High Special Education Paraprofessional, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Keri Woechan, Early Childhood 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Tracy Jones, Jr. High Special Education Teacher, Effective Date 6-30-2023
- Deidre Channing, High School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Damara Moore, Middle School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Delaney Daniel, Middle School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Garrett Collier, Special Education Bus Assistant, Effective Date 5-26-2023
- Michele Eden, Early Childhood 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date 6-30-2023

B. Transfers:

- Elicia Betcher, High School Special Education to Middle School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Haley Favell, High School Special Education to Middle School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Karly Carter, Elementary Secretary to Jr. High Secretary, Effective Date July 11, 2023
- Scott Chism, Jr. High Dean of Students to Middle School Dean of Students, Effective Date August 8, 2023

C. Contract Addendums:

- Art Bell, Addition of Asst. Sr. Tennis Coaching Duties, Effective Date July 17, 2023

- McKenzie Howard, Removal of Track Coaching Duties, Effective Date July 3, 2023

D. New Contracts:

- Sara Cheatham, Early Childhood 1:1 Paraprofessional, Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Tracy McKibben (New to Licensed Staff), Jr. High Self-Contained Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Heather Whitley, Jr. High Self-Contained Instructional Assistant, Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Cameron Sharpe, High School Math Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Hannah Pannell, Jr. High Self-Contained Paraprofessional, Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Kaitlin Driskill, 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Pamela Conrad, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Gabriel Rhynes, Jr. High Assistant Principal, Effective Date July 5, 2023
- Tara Taylor, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Tamires De Souza (Young), Elementary Administrative Assistant, Effective Date July 11, 2023
- Laura Smith, 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Haley Jones, Food Service, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- William Jones, High School English Language Arts Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Sarah Simpson, High School Special Education Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Natalie Childress, 1st Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Laney Eldridge, 3rd Grade Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Justin Moffitt, Technology Assistant, Effective Date July 3, 2023
- Tameika Jones, High School Journalism/Personal Communications Teacher, Effective Date August 8, 2023
- Natalia Fitch, Middle School Self-Contained Paraprofessional, Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Laura Childers, Elementary Administrative Assistant, Effective Date July 11, 2023
- Kylie Hobson, Elementary Self-Contained Paraprofessional, Effective Date August 7, 2023
- Forrest Haley, Jr. High Dean of Students, Effective Date August 8, 2023

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

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

Due to the need for a new Accounts Payable employee to begin work on July 1st (prior to the next board meeting), the board approved the district to officially hire the new employee as soon as the right candidate for the job is identified.

Clay Goff made a motion to approve the position hire,
seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0

VIII. ADJOURN

Martha Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm, seconded by Bennie Brock Jr.

VOTE: For – 5 Against – 0