

The Fordyce School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at Fordyce Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Jessica Young at 5:01 p.m.

Word of prayer was given by Deborah Mathews.

Those answering roll call were Susan Ridings, Nick Cranford, Deborah Mathews, Jessica Young, and Dr. Hubbell.

### **Minutes**

Nick Cranford made a motion to approve the board minutes from the January 10, 2022 regular meeting and the February 10, 2022 special meeting. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Financial Statements**

The January financial statements were presented by Teresa Matkin for approval. Nick Cranford made a motion to approve the financial statements. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **New Business**

Dr. Hubbell presented the over and beyond award to Amanda Clemons and LaVaughn Socia. She asked them if they could take over the duties of high school yearbook advisor for the remainder of the school year. The two of them have been working hard for the past few weeks submitting the yearbook pages to the publisher. She thanked both of them for their hard work and dedication.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to approve the proposed budget that was prepared by First Security Beardsley. Nick Cranford made the motion to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 to and including June 30, 2023 and to approve all related election documents. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to accept the E2E contract for the 2022-2023 school year. This includes both the high school and elementary school. Title I funds will be used to fund the FES contract and ESA funds will be used to fund the FHS contract. Nick Cranford made a motion to accept the contracts from E2E for Fordyce Elementary School and Fordyce High School. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar that was given to each member in their board packet. Nick Cranford made a motion to accept the calendar that was presented to the board. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to strike Item E on the agenda.

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Dr. Hubbell presented a MOU with SEARK Co-op for bus driver training. Susan Ridings made a motion to accept the MOU with SEARK Co-op. Nick Cranford seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to accept the ASBA policy updates that were in the board packets. There are two new policies to add: 3.17 and 8.45. Updates are policies: 3.19, 3.26, 4.5, 4.11, 4.27, 4.45, 7.16, 8.13, and 8.20. Jessica Young explained that the policies come from the School Board Association. She said they were written by Lucas Harder and are basically law. Susan Ridings made a motion to approve the policy updates. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell told the board that she and Mr. McCollum had discussed dropping the EAST program at the high school. She said it was a money pit. Mr. McCollum explained that there were grants with CTE programs that will fund the expensive costs of technology and can replace EAST classes. The EAST equipment is out of deck. LaVaughn Socia is on board to start a class to produce items to sale in the school store. Nick Cranford made a motion to drop the EAST program at the high school. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to allow Saylor Petit to enroll at Fordyce High School. She has been enrolled in the Hampton School District. She is currently a resident of Cleveland County School District. Dr. Hubbell has been in contact with Cleveland County School District superintendent, Craig Dupuy, and he said he would allow the student to enroll in the Fordyce School District. Nick Cranford made a motion to accept Saylor Petit's enrollment in the district. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell told the board that she and Rhonda Lawson had discussed dropping the mask mandate at the elementary school. She asked the board for approval to drop the mask mandate at Fordyce Elementary School and the mask mandate on school buses. Nick Cranford made a motion to accept Dr. Hubbell's recommendation to drop the mask mandate at Fordyce Elementary School and on school buses. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Principal's Report**

Rhonda Lawson reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. There wasn't a good turnout. Most parents opted for a telephone conference. She said there will be a Taco Tuesday held for teachers on 2-22-22 and kids will get twinkies and number 2 pencils. The students are having a dynamic duo day. Mrs. Axsom has activities planned for Read Across America February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>. A bookfair will be held the week after Spring Break.

Chase McCollum wanted to acknowledge Amanda Clemons and her FBLA students. They attended a conference on the Friday school was out for winter break. She had several students

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that placed to compete in the state conference. There wasn't a good turn out for Parent/Teacher Conferences at the high school. High school is working on parental involvement. Kicking it up a notch with PLC's next year. Changing gears to get a more effective rate. Started planning for summer professional development. Basketball is in full swing. Fordyce hosted Jr. High district tournament last week. Sr. High tournament starts this week. Homecoming queen was Ja'Mya Kilgore and Carlie Wright was sweetheart. The ceremony was great. Sr. High district tournament will be held at Lafayette County.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hubbell told the board that SEARK Co-op applied for a grant from the Department of Health. We will get \$52,546.00 to spend by June 30, 2022.

The district received an award from AAA for football. There were no coaches ejected from any games this year.

There were two classrooms at the high school that had ceiling damage during the ice storm.

### **Board Comments**

Deborah Mathews told the administrators to keep up the good work.

### **Certified**

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to accept the resignation of Martha Oliver, EAST facilitator. Susan Ridings made a motion to accept Mrs. Oliver's resignation. Nick Cranford seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell made a motion to rehire all administrators for the 2022-2023 school year. Nick Cranford made a motion to rehire the administrators. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to allow Trish Hines to transfer to GT Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year. Susan Ridings made a motion to allow the transfer of Trish Hines to GT Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to give Amanda Clemons and LaVaughn Socia a \$500 yearbook stipend for the FHS yearbook for 2021-2022 school year. Nick Cranford made a motion to give both a \$500 yearbook stipend. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Classified**

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to move Venita McMillan from step 5 to step 11 on the salary schedule. That will give her credit for the years she worked at Sonic. Susan Riding made a motion to move Venita McMillan to step 11 on the food service manager's salary schedule. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Dr. Hubbell will check with Norman Hill to see if this can retro back to the beginning of the school year and the board will revisit.

Dr. Hubbell asked the board to hire Leslie Broughton as a paraprofessional at Fordyce Elementary School. She will be filling a vacant position. Nick Cranford made a motion to hire Mrs. Broughton as a paraprofessional at Fordyce Elementary School. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Executive Session**

Nick Cranford made a motion at 5:48 p.m. to go into executive session. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Nick Cranford made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 6:34 p.m. Susan Ridings seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Nick Cranford made the motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Deborah Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Date

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President

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Secretary