

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32J  
March 23, 2023**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Donna Sauer, President, in the Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers, Colorado.

**Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum:** Members present were Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer

ABSENT: None

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Eymann moved, Mr. Messer seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Playground Equipment, Vo-Ag Pickup, employment of Sara Foose – HS Admin. Asst.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Pugh moved, Mrs. Harris seconded to approve the minutes from the regular meeting February 16, 2023; approve the financial report; approve the employment of Machaela Eymann – Elementary Principal, Tim Barber – Maintenance Director, Shatzie Wardall – Secondary Consumer Health & Sciences, Jessica Lancaster – Secondary Business, Yeni Yanez – Secondary Spanish, Levi Kautz – Volunteer HS Baseball Coach, Sara Foose – HS Admin. Asst.; approve the overnight trip for State FBLA April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at the Gaylord Hotel in Denver.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**Public Address:** Joshua Meredith addressed the Board regarding his son and wrestling.

**Presentations:** Mr. Boren and several members of the secondary staff presented “How we use data to guide instruction”.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Final Calendar:** Mr. Turrell presented the final calendar for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Pugh moved, Mr. Messer seconded to approve the 2023-24 calendar as presented.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**Open Enrollment Policy JFBB:** Policies JFBB, JFBB-R and JFBB-E were presented. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Ebert seconded to approve the policies on a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**Principal Contract:** Mr. Turrell indicated he is very happy with Mr. Boren. He recommended extending his contract. Mrs. Pugh moved, Mr. Eymann seconded to extend Mr. Boren's contract another year.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**Commons Area Upper Window Replacement:** Mr. Turrell provided an estimate replacing the upper windows in the commons area. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Eymann seconded to approve the replacement of the upper windows in the commons area.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**Playground Equipment:** Mr. Turrell provided quotes from two different playground equipment companies. In order to get the equipment over the summer, a decision needs to be made in the next couple of weeks. He has met with the Elementary Student Council. He asked for approval from the Board for a "not to exceed" value. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Eymann seconded to approve the purchase of playground equipment, not to exceed \$350,000. The funds will be taken from the 2023-24 budget.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

**Vo-Ag Pickup:** Mr. Turrell provided a quote for a new Vo-Ag pickup. We have had the current pickup for several years. Mr. Turrell would like to make the current Ag pickup a maintenance vehicle. We would get approximately 20% of it funded through our CTE funds. Mrs. Pugh moved, Mrs. Borders seconded to approve the concrete work as presented except the tree planter boxes.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Policy:* Mr. Turrell set a meeting with the policy committee to review new CASB revisions.

*Building and Grounds:*

*Personnel:* The Elementary interviewed an internal candidate for the Instructional Coach position. The candidate did very well, but they need to make sure they can fill the teaching position that would be vacated. They have interviews for the teaching position in a couple weeks.

*ECBOCES:*

*Legislative:* The long bill is done, but we are waiting to have the governor's press release.

*Superintendent Report:* The District has a Daniel's Fund recipient: Madison Roth. We are currently working on several audits (ESSA/ESSER III, Student Count, At-Risk, Transportation). The District is looking at options for Athletic fees in the future since official fees have gone up so much.

## CLOSING ACTIVITIES

**Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street. Items for next meeting include Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Matching Money for Faculty Scholarship, Staff Salaries & Benefits for 23-24, Athletic Handbooks, Staff Contracts, Food Service Price increase, Counselor Corp Grant Presentation, Presentation by Steffiney Quick and anything else that arises before that time.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mrs. Harris moved, Mrs. Pugh seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

AYE: Jennifer Borders, Kres Ebert, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Dennis Messer, Eve Pugh, Donna Sauer  
Motion Carried 7-0

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President

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Secretary