

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32J  
April 20, 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, Mrs. Harris seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions: employment of Kristina Wood - Elementary, Les Day - Substitute.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Borders moved, Mr. Eymann seconded to approve the minutes from the regular meeting March 23, 2023; approve the financial report; approve the employment of Michelle Long – Elementary Reading Interventionist, Kristina Wood – Elementary Teacher, Les Day – Substitute.; approve the overnight trip for State FFA CDE's in Ft. Collins April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and National Knowledge Bowl in New Orleans May 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

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 the Wrestling coach.

**Presentations:** Mrs. Worrell shared information about this year's prom. Students presented invitations to the Board members.

Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Worrell gave a presentation on the Counselor Corp Supplemental funds. The District received an additional \$25k which has been used for college visits and career/workplace visits. Students have had the opportunity to visit various businesses to explore opportunities. The grant has also funded Senior Reality Day, Mock Interviews, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, Etiquette Luncheon, PARTY.

Mr. Kerns presented information on the District's student athletes. He recognized the students that play 3/4 sport and those that have been recognized by CHSAA as Academic All State Athletes.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Staff Contracts:** Mr. Turrell presented probationary, non-probationary, classified, extra duty and coaching staff lists for approval for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Ebert seconded to approve the staff lists as presented.

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

**Salary/Benefits 2023-24:** Mr. Turrell reviewed the new funding coming from the state for next year. He provided information regarding several increases to the staff. He recommended a 20% increase for certified and administrative staff and a 10% increase for classified staff. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Messer seconded to approve a 20% increase for certified and administrative staff and a 10% increase for classified staff.

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

**Athletic Handbook 23-24:** Mr. Kerns presented the Athletic Handbook for 2023-24. He reviewed the changes. Several questions were asked by the Board. Mrs. Harris moved, Mr. Ebert seconded to approve the Athletic Handbook as presented.

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

**Matching Funds – Faculty Scholarship:** Each year the Byers staff donates money to the faculty scholarship to wear jeans on Friday. In the past the Board has matched the donations for the scholarship. Mrs. Pugh moved, Mrs. Borders seconded to donate enough to make the total amount \$2000. This year, the staff donated \$550, so the Board will contribute \$1450.

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

**Free Meals Opt-In:** In November, the voters voted to approve Healthy Meals for All, which would mean free breakfast and lunch for all students. However, the District has to opt-in. Mrs. Borders moved, Mr. Eymann seconded to opt-in to the Healthy Meals program.

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

Mrs. Quick also presented and reviewed the District's Wellness policy.

**CASB Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Mr. Turrell presented policy updates from CASB. Mrs. Borders moved, Mr. Messer seconded to approve the policies on a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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

**Lockers/Bathroom Stalls:** Mr. Turrell presented quotes to replace the lockers in the boys' locker room and stalls in various bathrooms. Mr. Turrell indicated there might be an option to refurbish the lockers instead of replacing them. Mr. Messer moved, Mrs. Borders seconded to approve the quote to replace the bathroom stalls, but tabled the purchase of the lockers to see if they could be refurbished instead of replaced.

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

**Kubota Equipment Purchase:** Mr. Turrell provided a quote for Kubota RTV to be used for snow removal. The District's new maintenance director, Tim Barber, highly recommended the equipment. Mrs. Borders moved, Mr. Messer seconded to approve Kubota Equipment purchase.

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Turrell presented and reviewed the District's Needs Assessment for Title funds. He presented information on banners for the town. Mrs. Harris noted the booster club was going to do that project. The District and booster club could work together to spruce up the town. Otis, the District's Therapy Dog, was sworn in by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office. We are working with Arapahoe County to see if we can get a full-time SRO for the District. The District will have a retirement lunch for staff on May 24<sup>th</sup>. After that, there are retirement parties for Mrs. Mitchell at the Legion Hall and for the secondary staff (location to be determined). Mr. Turrell asked if the June meeting could be moved to the 29<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. The May meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Turrell congratulated Mr. Thomas on his successful fundraiser for Knowledge Bowl. He also noted Katherine Benesch qualified for National FBLA.

## CLOSING ACTIVITIES

**Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street. Items for next meeting include Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Staff, Student, Policy and Activities Handbooks, Online School presentation, Locker refurbishment/replacement, Preliminary Budget, 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 8:50 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