

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Nashville School District
July 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Nashville School District was called to order by President Jerry Wilson at 5:32 PM. Members in attendance were David Hilliard, Jamar Finley, Tem Gunter, and Nick Britt.

Jamar Finley made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held June 15, 2020. David Hilliard seconded the motion with it passing 5-0.

Superintendent Doug Graham said there was no old business to discuss.

Mr. Graham recommended with 76.9% of the budget spent and an operating balance of \$4,199,497.06 that we approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Graham reminded the board that due to paying teacher contracts the balance was lower than normal. He also mentioned that we budgeted less than we ended up with so we have extra funds in case more spending needs to be made for COVID or other expenses. David Hilliard made a motion that we approve our bills with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham asked the board to consider the 2020-2021 Back to School Plan. This plan is subject to change as directives are provided by governing agencies and/or health officials. The current plan is to have an on-site option and a virtual option for students with a start date of August 24, 2020. The On-site option will be as close to a traditional day as possible. Custodians and teachers will clean and sanitize thoroughly each day to maintain CDC and State health recommendations. One washable mask will be provided for each student and teacher. Social distancing will be maintained whenever possible to reduce the hours a student will have to wear a mask. Masks are required for all adults in the district and for student in grades 4-12 when social distancing is not possible. Our certified staff will deliver the same curriculum while incorporating blended learning for a stronger online presence and more online skills for our students. Buses will still run as normal with face masks being required when social distancing is not possible. There will be sanitizers at the entrance of the busses and windows will be rolled down when possible. Mr. Bunch Nichols would like to assure the public that steps would be taken to have Nashville School District a safe and clean environment whatever it takes.

The Virtual Option varies by grade level. Students in 9-12 will be taking courses through Virtual Arkansas with Virtual Arkansas teachers. Students in K-8 will be taught virtually by our own certified teachers with state aligned curriculum, supplemented by Lincoln Learning and SeeSaw (or other programs). Students will have to have an internet connection if they want to register for virtual learning and must commit to a semester. Students enrolled in the virtual option will be able to participate in extracurricular activities and eligible for early graduation, but they will not be in contention for Val/Sal or be eligible for AP/Concurrent credits. Mr. Graham stressed that for students in grades K-3 that choose virtual learning they must be enrolled in a strong reading program. Parents can begin making appointments for virtual school on July 21, 2020 for K-9 and July 27 for 10-12. The deadline to sign up for virtual learning is August 3, 2020. Student who sign up virtually will be able to go back to on site learning one time, but we will not allow a revolving door between the two options. Superintendent Graham recommended to

the board to approve the plan as written while acknowledging the possibilities for change based on new information or directives. Nick Britt made a motion to accept the plan with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

After the presentation we had a five minute break to stretch legs. The meeting was called back to order by Jerry Wilson at 6:51.

Mr. Graham presented a list of fixed assets that need to be retired. These items are at least 5 years old and are beyond repair or usefulness. The board must approve to retire items that were purchased over \$1000. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the retired fixed asset list with Nick Britt seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham presented a quote for catastrophic insurance from the Dwight Jones Agency in the amount of \$2,939.12. This insurance is based on per student expenses and excludes those things covered by AAA. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the catastrophic insurance with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham presented a final accreditation report for approval. This report states that all employees are certified within each of the buildings. Jamar Finley made a motion to approve the report with David Hilliard seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham also presented the 2020-2021 Statement of Assurance. This states that the school will be in compliance with all state laws and the Standards of Accreditation. Jamar Finley made a motion to approve the Statement of Assurance with Tem Gunter seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham asked the board to consider a Resolution for the Suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory/Rule Waivers. This allows for temporary changes to existing policies due to COVID-19 and must be approved by the board. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the resolution with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

There was no one present for PPC comments.

Mr. Graham did not have a Superintendent Report for this meeting.

Mr. Graham presented his coaching assignments for the 2020-2021 school year to the board for approval. Tem Gunter made a motion to approve the listed coaching assignments with David Hilliard seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham asked the board to approve the resignations of the following: Tammy Elliott-FACS teacher at NJHS (after 35 years of service), Ashley Sweeden-bus driver, Courtney Hampton-Custodian at NES, and Phillip Miller-Softball Coach/Teacher. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the resignations with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham recommended the employment of Lucas Liggin-Coach/Teacher and Kailee Hamilton-Teacher. Andrea Pinegar was left off the sponsor list in June and also needed to be approved for a total of \$385. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the hiring of Liggin and Hamilton as well as approve adding Pinegar to the sponsor list. Tem Gunter seconded with the motion passing 5-0.

Jamar Finley made a motion to adjourn with David Hilliard seconding. This passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Jerry Wilson-President

Jamar Finley-Secretary