

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Nashville School District
February 22, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nashville School Board was called to order by President Jerry Wilson at 5:33 PM. Other members present were David Hilliard, Jamar Finley, Nick Britt, and Tem Gunter.

David Hilliard made a motion to approve minutes from both the January regular meeting and the February special meeting. Jamar Finley seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Superintendent Douglas Graham stated there was no old business to discuss.

With 52.6% of the budget spent and an operating balance of \$6,132,002.44, Mr. Graham recommended the payment of bills. Jamar Finley made a motion to approve. Nick Britt seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham recognized the 2020 retirees for their 285 combined years of service. Due to COVID restrictions a normal retirement reception was unable to be had in May. Those retirees who attended were Joy Freel, Karen Tollett, Vanessa Keaster, Phillip Miller, Tammy Elliott, and Karen Kell. Ted Green and Damon Williams were also recognized but unable to attend.

Mr. Graham told the board that Jason Holsclaw, a representative from Stephen Inc., had planned to present to the board but needed to reschedule and would present at the March meeting.

Mr. Graham recommended the board approve the purchase of a 2019 Ram 3500 with 8200 miles from York Gary's for an Agri truck for \$58,059. This purchase would come out of the Secondary Vocational budget which has a \$90,000 balance. The district was just advised that we would no longer be receiving funds for this account and that the balance would need to be spent. Agri uses their truck to travel to FFA shows and other out of town activities and this would be a vehicle with enough room, big enough to pull trailers, and safe and reliable to travel. Mr. Graham also stated that the district would advertise the current truck for seal bids and depending on where those fall will determine whether the truck will be sold or kept for a secondary truck. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2019 Ram 3500 Bighorn 4WD HD truck from York Gary's for \$58,059. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham proposed to the board to begin advertising for a Construction Manager for the Wilson Park Project. He explained that no money would be discussed at this point and that this would just be saying that we are moving forward with the project. Once a Construction Manager is hired then amounts will be proposed and discussed. He asked that the board approve the district to advertise for two weeks for Request for Qualifications for a Construction Manager for the Wilson Park Project. This phase would include new concession stand, restrooms, press box, and additional seat back chairs. Nick Britt made a motion to advertise for Request for Qualifications for a Construction Manager. Jamar Finley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

During his Superintendent Report, Mr. Graham advised the board that a Summer School Recovery Plan needed to be put into place to get students caught up who had fallen behind due to school closures, virtual learning, and other circumstances that they have faced this past year. Mr. Graham also told the board that a decision has to be made by May 1 to declare what virtual options we offer. The ADE is not

requiring schools to offer any virtual options. Mr. Graham said that K-3 students need onsite instruction and he was highly considering not offering a virtual option to those grades and possibly even 4th-6th grades. Mr. Graham also stated that a board policy needed to be considered for consequences for those virtual students who are not doing what they need to be for virtual instruction. He said lots of discussion still needs to be had for catching up students who have fallen behind and which virtual options were going to be offered.

Mr. Graham reported that Nashville School District staff would be receiving the second round of Moderna COVID vaccine on Friday, February 26, 2021.

Mr. Graham told the board that during the snow storm last week the district had a few pipes burst but nothing major. All issues resulting from the snow storm were being fixed and cleaned up.

Mr. Graham reported we currently have two COVID positive students and 4 close contact students. There are currently no positive or close contact teachers or staff in the district.

Mr. Graham announced that there would be some form of Junior/Senior Prom/Banquet during the spring. He also announced that Graduation would be held in the Arena with restrictions like last year. Each senior would get 8 or 9 tickets to be given to family to attend.

At 6:13, David Hilliard made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and Nick Britt seconded the motion. At 6:45, the meeting resumed.

Mr. Graham asked the board to accept the resignation of Melissa Gandy, bus driver, and the termination of Alisha Perez, Primary Custodian. David Hilliard made a motion to accept the resignation and termination. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham recommended the re-employment of James Nichols, Kim Slayton, Tate Gordon, Ashley Riggs, Rick Rebsamen, and Nathan Evans. Jamar Finley made a motion to approve and Nick Britt seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham recommended the employment of Karen Kell, bus driver, Amanda Beth Perrin, Primary Sped teacher, Erin Bell, Jr High Sped teacher, Stacy Purnell, High School Financial Literacy, and Ashley Elmore, High School FACS teacher. David Hilliard made a motion to accept the recommendations. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

David Hilliard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. It passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Jerry Wilson, President

Jamar Finley, Secretary