

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 6:00 P.M. DIERKS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Trey Eckert, Brad Garner, Wendell Garner, Jeffrey Mounts

ABSENT

Bubba McSpadden

MEETING NUMBER 9

Jeffrey Mounts called the meeting to order. Wendell Garner led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the January 20th meeting were approved as written by a consensus of the board.

The board heard from Clark Construction Company.

The financial reports were approved by a consensus of the board as presented by the superintendent.

A motion was made by Trey Eckert and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to resend the motion to hire Legacy Construction Management Company and cease all contract negotiations.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Wendell Garner passed unanimously to hire Clark Construction Company for the upcoming elementary building project.

A motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, option A.

The board discussed the Board & Governance Policy. The board tabled the discussion.

The board adjourned to executive session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss employment of the personnel. They returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

A motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to accept the resignations of Deborah Reel as first grade teacher, Barbara Pate as custodian/cafeteria dishwasher, and Millie Jackson as special education aide effective May 22, 2020.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Wendell Garner passed unanimously to extend the contract for Lori Finley, Elementary Principal for the 2020-2021 school year as per the salary schedule.

Discussion of other items included:

1. Mrs. Finley gave an attendance update. She stated that compared to the same time last year all grades attendance rates increased. The building average increased from 92.80% to 94.64%. As part of the PLC process, monthly school-wide celebrations have been implemented. Elementary is taking a short time as a school family to recognize some of the great things happening, especially related to improvement goals. Magician Darryl Miller performed during Kindness Week. Mrs. Bray was celebrated during Counselors Week. 3rd – 6th grade completed the ACT Aspire Interim III exams at the beginning of the month. They have been reviewing results to prepare for the summative tests in April. On Feb. 12th, 5th and 6th grade attended the Sevier County RSAT Drug Prevention Program at the high school. Students will be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge. The goal this year is \$10,000. Students who raise \$200 or more will get to slime Officer Simmons. The tooth fairy will visit the lower grades on Wednesday morning in conjunction with Dental Health Month. This Thursday we will be a part of the Child Nutrition review by Mathematica. Three teachers attended Istation data recently. Two of them will be going to the K-2 Vendor Fair next week to compare the four options for K-2 assessments. Mrs. Stapp received a grant from Farm Bureau for an outdoor classroom garden.
2. The senior high boys basketball team won the District tourney and will play their first round game Wednesday at 5:30 vs. Parkers Chapel in Fordyce. Mrs. Martin had a successful JH Quiz Bowl season. They recently won the Regional Championship and competed at the state event in Bebee. Mackay Smith was the top scorer in the state during the Regional events and was named the region MVP. The initial ethics team competed at UALR and finished 12th in the state. Dierks was the smallest school competing. 13 students received awards at the middle level FBLA completion. Six students competed in the Reading Fair held at the co-op recently. Haley Carter and Jenna Bray won first place in their divisions. Destiney Conatser placed second, while Bailee Carter, Victoria Vallee and Tyra Fox all placed third. The juniors and seniors completed their first stop the bleed training and CPR familiarization. This is a requirement that they are familiar with the procedure and they know how to operate an AED. High School hosted the Sevier County RSAT drug prevention team. Students in grades 5-12 attended one of the three age appropriate presentations. Kennedy Boeckman and Halle Mounts will be representing Dierks at the Governor's Scholastic Honors day on April 25th. Halle Mounts received the Daughters of American Revolution good citizen award. Chandler Lowrey, Austin Alexander, and Christian Martinez have all enlisted in a branch of military service. Bryce Fox has signed his national letter of intent to play football at Arkansas Tech University. The Land Judging Team had a team place third at the Hempstead 4-H competition. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd at the Columbia/Lafayette Conservation Competition and 1st place at the Colts Classic. Kaden Helms finished 1st and 2nd during the last two events. An additional WIN period has been helpful for students needing extra help and for allowing teachers to meet. The FCCLA has their state conference next week. Multiple students will be competing at the state

level. Senior High Quiz Bowl regional tournament is March 7th. Four students will be competing at the science fair at SAU on March 13th.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

President

Secretary

Approval Date