

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 20, 2020 6:00 P.M. DIERKS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Bubba McSpadden, Presiding Officer
Trey Eckert, Brad Garner, Jeffrey Mounts

ABSENT

Wendell Garner

MEETING NUMBER 8

Bubba McSpadden called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the December 16th board meeting were approved by a consensus of the board.

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

The principals reports were approved by a consensus of the board.

A motion Trey Eckert and seconded by Jeffrey Mounts passed unanimously to renew the School Board/Educators Legal Liability Policy and General Liability Coverage Outside of Arkansas for the term February 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. Annual premium for School Board/Educators Legal Liability Policy is \$6,021.00. Annual premium for General Liability Coverage Outside of Arkansas is \$570.00.

Superintendent Jody Cowart reported that the Dierks school board members all received the required training hours required by law.

Mr. Cowart discussed future bus needs.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to accept the following student transfers into the district: Raelynn Guilliams, Elijah Steffler from Dequeen.

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel at 6:19 p.m. They returned to open session at 7:21 p.m.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Debbie Brock effective May 22, 2020.

A motion was made by Trey Eckert and seconded by Jeffrey Mounts to approve one classified staff member to ASPMA certification position. Effective January 17, 2020, Dennis Sirmon will receive an additional \$1,250.00 on his remaining 2019-2020 contract. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to re-hire Jody Cowart and extend his contract through July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Discussion of other items included:

1. Mrs. Finley gave an attendance update. She also shared a book that the special education classes created and published. Fifth and sixth grade quiz bowl competes January 21st. During last week's chess completion, Krissyn Icenhower finished in 2nd place out of 61 competing.
2. Mrs. Bailey received a grant from Equipment and Materials for her AP Biology course. Nine period days have been implemented on Wednesday to allow at least one PLC group to meet. On January 17th, Junior High Quiz Bowl team won the Regional Championship held at Mt. Pine. The state championship is coming up to Saturday, February 8th in Bebee. Mrs. Martin has a team prepping for the Ethics bowl being held at UALR on February 1st. Five students grades 9-12th are currently working on case studies.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m.

President

Secretary

Approval Date