

GREENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 13, 2019

The Greenwood School Board met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2019 in the Administration Building. Members present were Mr. Jeff Turner, Rozanne Sterling, Todd Hales, Kelli Henning, Cliff James, and Superintendent John Ciesla. Absent from session were Dr. Brad Johnson and Greg Hasley.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Jeff Turner called the meeting to order. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (6:03 p.m.)

I. ESPORTS RECOGNITION

Dr. Dustin Smith introduced Esports instructor Andrew Maxwell and his team who competed in the inaugural year of Esports as a AAA sanctioned activity. The team and Mr. Maxwell were recognized by the Board for their State Championship and outstanding season. (6:10 p.m.)

II. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as submitted. (6:10 p.m.)

III. ACTIVITY INSURANCE BIDS

Dr. Dustin Smith made a recommendation to the board that the Activity Insurance contract go to Student Assurance Services in the amount of \$17,950. This is a change from our current provider K & K. Five bids were received and reviewed. Student Assurance Services offered the best coverage and benefits for the cost. **On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mrs. Rozanne Sterling, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Activity Insurance contract to Student Assurance Services.** (6:12 p.m.)

IV. POLICY REVISIONS

Mr. Kevin Hesslen, Assistant Superintendent presented board policies updates (excluding certified and classified personnel policies) for review. Most revisions were due to legislation passed during the last session. Mr. Hesslen made a request for approval on those policies that impact the student handbook. **On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mr. Cliff James, the Board voted 5-0 to approve all policy revisions as presented.** (6:31 p.m.)

V. STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Building principals presented recommended handbook revisions to the board for 2019-2020. These revisions were the outcome of meetings at each building level with handbook committees in addition to meetings at the district level to review and determine best practices. Mr. John Ciesla, Superintendent asked the board to approve the

handbook changes as presented. **On a motion by Mr. Cliff James and a second by Mrs. Rozanne Sterling, the Board voted 5-0 to approve changes as presented to the 2019-2020 Student Handbook.** (6:44 p.m.)

VI. PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. John Ciesla, Superintendent, requested approval for purchase orders as follows:

- Purchase of \$28,000 of equipment to provide a method to back up the Data Center
- Purchase of \$28,000 for two laptop carts and 60 Chromebooks
- Purchase of \$27,432 for renewal of Blackboard software (mass notification systems, mobile app, social media integration, and website management)
- Purchase of \$34,455 for renewal of Renaissance for Accelerated Reader, Star Math, and Star Reader for grades K-12

On a motion by Mrs. Kelli Henning and a second by Mr. Todd Hales, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase orders as presented. (6:47 p.m.)

VII. PURCHASE SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. John Ciesla, Superintendent asked the board to approve the list of purchased service contracts for 2019-2020 for Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Pediatric Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Based Mental Health, and Psychological Services. **On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mr. Cliff James, the Board voted 5-0 to approve purchase service contracts for 2019-2020.** (6:48 p.m.)

VIII. VEHICLE LEASES / ALLOWANCES

Mr. John Ciesla, Superintendent asked the board to approve a lease agreement for three mid-size SUV's for three years. The best bid came from the Orr Auto group for three Chevy Equinox LT's in the amount of \$249.68 per month during the lease period.

In addition, Mr. Ciesla recommended that the board approve a \$500 per month vehicle allowance for each Assistant Superintendent and up to \$100 per month fuel purchases. He also asked for a resolution associated with this request for compliance with ACA § 6-24-101. Upon board approval, the form will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education for approval.

Discussion: Mrs. Rozanne Sterling left the room for this discussion and abstained from voting. She left the room at 6:48 p.m. **On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mr. Cliff James, the Board voted 4-0 (Sterling recused) to approve lease agreement and vehicle allowance as presented.** (6:50 p.m.)

Mrs. Sterling re-entered the room for the next discussion of Board organization. (6:50 p.m.)

IX. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Todd Hales recommended the board continue with appointments of Mrs. Rozanne Sterling as the Disbursing Officer and Mr. John Ciesla as Ex-Officio Secretary and Official in Charge of Federal Funds. **On a motion by Mr. Cliff James and a second by Mr. Todd Hales, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Board appointments.** (6:51 p.m.)

X. BOARD ORGANIZATION

Mr. Jeff Turner asked the board for recommendations for Board Officers.

Mr. Todd Hales made a motion that the Board remain with the same positions as are currently being held. **On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mrs. Kelli Henning, the Board voted 5-0 to keep the current board officers.** (6:52 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired to Executive session. Upon return to the open meeting, the Board voted to approve the following personnel items:

On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mr. Cliff James, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the resignations of Carrah Efurd, Debbie Flannigan, Jay Weaver, Carolyn Smith, Kate Neighbors, Audrey Duncan and David Duncan (7:23 p.m.)

On a motion by Mr. Todd Hales and a second by Mr. Cliff James, the Board voted 5-0 to hire Rebecca Kittell as a nurse, Mallory Babb and Cara Peerbolte as teachers, Tracy Austin as secretary, Melanie Jantzen and Angela Steinfeldt as paraprofessionals. The Board voted to transfer Hillary Huneycutt to GT and Candice Long to ABC Director. The Board voted to approve coach assignments as presented, and to revise the superintendent's contact to 12 months at \$165,000 annually with a \$500 per month vehicle allowance. (7:24 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted 5-0 to adjourn on a motion by Mrs. Kelli Henning and a second by Mrs. Rozanne Sterling. (7:25 p.m.)

President

Secretary