

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 15, 2020 6:00 P.M. DIERKS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Trey Eckert, Brad Garner, Wendell Garner
Bubba McSpadden, Jeffery Mounts

ABSENT

MEETING NUMBER 14

Bubba McSpadden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Mounts opened with prayer.

The minutes of the May 18th board meeting was approved by a consensus of the board.

The board heard from Clark Construction & Architectural Plus.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Wendell Garner, passed unanimously to move forward with the six classroom addition at JoAnn Walters Elementary.

The financial reports were approved by consensus of the board.

Superintendent Jody Cowart discussed eRate funding and technology updates.

A motion was made by Trey Eckert and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to accept a floor bid from Yellow Rose Janitorial in the amount of \$17,364.38.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Wendell Garner, passed unanimously to accept the recommendation to renew insurance policies with the Arkansas School Board Association.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert, passed unanimously to approve a resolution that any amount over \$755,000.00 in the operating fund after categorical and restricted are removed may be moved to the building fund prior to June 30, 2020.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Wendell Garner, passed unanimously to approve the Suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory/Rule Waivers.

A motion was made by Wendell Garner and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to approve the following student transfers: Emily Carver into the district, Slate Mosley, Thomas McBay, Rebecca McBay, Katie Chandler, and Casey Chandler out of the district.

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel at 7:15 p.m.

They returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner, passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Andrew Sirmon as science teacher and assistant football coach.

A motion was made by Wendell Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert, passed unanimously to hire Chad Lites as science teacher and assistant football coach for the 2020-2021 school year as per the salary schedule.

Discussion of other items included:

1. The district submitted a plan to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and it has been approved. The plan is to hold a traditional graduation ceremony in the gymnasium on July 20th starting at 7:00p.m. Following the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines, we will only be able to accommodate 290 attendees in the bleachers, 128 attendees on the floor. Our plan also includes handicap seating, spacing guidelines for the graduates, school officials and speakers. Measures will be put in place to ensure guidelines are followed. No person will be admitted without a ticket. Persons over the age of ten will be required to have a mask. Three entry points will be used in order to assist with seating and social distancing. Designated parking areas will be used in order to assist with the entry and exit of all attendees.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

President

Secretary

Approval Date