

Cave City School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
September 19, 2022  
Regular Meeting & Annual Report to the Public  
Minutes of Meeting

The Cave City Board of Educators met in regular session on Monday, September 19th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cave City High School Library.

Board members present were Ashley Beller, Jeff Eddy, Jon Hodges, Stephen Stauffer, Brandon Qualls, and Eddie Walling. Bobby Sanders was unable to attend.

Guests included: Whitney McSpadden and Administrators: Mr. Marc Walling, Dr. Cheryl Bell, and Mrs. Debbie Asberry.

Board President, Brandon Qualls, welcomed all in attendance and then called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Stephen Stauffer, seconded by Jeff Eddy, to approve the previous Board minutes. 100% approved.

At this time, the board began the proceedings for expulsion hearing for a middle school female student who violated the district drug policy. Mr. Green informed the board that the guardian requested that the meeting be closed. Mr. Green recommended that the student be expelled for one calendar year from school and school activities for violation of the district's drug policy. As part of the process, he handed each board member a packet that included a police report and an incident report written by Assistant Principal, Dr. Cheryl Bell and School Resource Officer, Lt. David Edwards. The Board reviewed the materials and listened to Dr. Bell's account of the incident and Cave City Resource Officer, Lt. David Edwards' report. Motion made by Eddie Walling to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and to expel the student from all campuses and school related activities until September 19, 2023, seconded by Jeff Eddy. 100% approved. The board did give the administration permission to allow the student to attend summer school in 2023 and enroll at the beginning of school, if specific conditions were met.

At this time in the meeting, Mr. Green welcomed those attending and proceeded with the Annual Report to the Public.

### **September 19, 2022**

#### **Agenda for Annual Report to the Public Meeting in Cave City High School Library**

1. Steven Green
  - Welcome
  - Student Enrollment and Staff
  - Introduction of the Board
2. Debbie Asberry
  - Cave City Elementary program, performance & progress towards goals of S.L.I.P.
3. Marc Walling
  - Cave City H.S. program, performance & progress towards goals of S.L.I.P.
4. Dr. Cheryl Bell
  - Cave City M.S. program, performance & progress towards goals of S.L.I.P.
5. Steven Green
  - School District Support Plan
  - Report on Federal Programs & Homeless Youth
  - Report of CARES Funds and ESA
  - ESSER Plans/Stakeholders/questions/comments
  - Accreditation
  - Statement of Asbestos Plan.
  - Statement of Beverage Contract.
  - SNPAA Committee (Act 1220 of 2003)
  - Child Find & 504 Services, Foster Care Liasons
  - Equity Statement
  - Gifted and Talented (Whitney McSpadden)
  - Parent Involvement & Bullying (Carrie Bullard)
  - Supt. Bullying Report (number reported)
  - Board Member In service Hours

**Questions or Comments**

As part of the presentations, many items were discussed including building performance and progress toward academic goals of School Level Improvement Plans. Mrs. Debbie Asberry reported on elementary assessments, curriculum/programs, professional development, and outlined their School Level Improvement Plan. She identified Laci Turner and Shayla Herndon as new teachers on the Elementary campus this year. Mr. Marc Walling gave a detailed description of all the various programs at Cave City High School. He also gave details of the high school campus S.L.I.P. He noted that the High School had another very high participation in FFA (thirty-five students) and credited that to the Middle School's new emphasis on vocational. He mentioned that 100 students were enrolled in at least one college class and also informed the board that students were enjoying a variety of programs at UACCB, including EMT, Mechatronics, Patient Care, Welding, and the new Heavy Equipment Program. Dr. Cheryl Bell mentioned new teachers Jack Sanders and Dillon Sallas. She thanked the board for providing resources for additional fencing, security cameras, and a new ceiling in the gym. She detailed purchases made with Charter funds toward Agriculture, Science, and Health. She closed with announcing all the different Leadership Teams on campus. Students perform in these as their community service requirement. It should also be noted that all Principals reported that their test scores had increased dramatically due largely in part to the hard work of the teachers and students and the ability to return to face to face learning. Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Whitney McSpadden, offered the board handouts during her presentation which described the Gifted and Talented Philosophy for the Cave City District and a pamphlet which explained everything from the referral process to the activities provided. She announced that Chess and Quiz Bowl would be returning now that we have made it through the pandemic. Mr. Green finished the program with many notices required by law, followed by a description of Federal and State Categorical funds, reported on Equity, and Parent Involvement. He also went over the ARP ESSER Plan and Continuity of Services Plan and offered opportunity for comment. He noted these are posted on the district website. He also gave a Bullying Report with specific numbers of campus incidences in 2021-22. He closed with Board Member Service Hours before conducting the following Public Hearing for Facilities and Master Plan.

**Facilities & Master Plan Public Hearing**

Superintendent Green gave a brief history of recent construction projects in the district. He mentioned ESSER II Fund expenditures related to maintenance including the installation of new doors and door hardware, along with 12 Brivo Cloud based entry systems on exterior doors in strategic locations. He also noted the ARP ESSER Elementary Playground project which included the addition of a new "inclusive" playground structure for handicapped kids. He also took time to update the attendees regarding some of the recent improvement projects including the addition of a new fencing for security at the Middle School campus, MS gym ceiling project, and kitchen flooring improvements in Elementary/MS. He added that the district had added additional security cameras and had been updating some of the older ones. He noted that the district had been included in the Sharp County Mitigation Plan in case federal funds became available for a HS Safe room and that the Architect, Andrew Hicks, had been working with Regan Miller on submitting an application. Mr. Hicks indicated an estimated cost would be in the range of \$2.5 million with the districts share being about \$625,000 (based on 25/75 cost ratio). The district has also recently acquired additional property along Hwy 167 for future growth. As part of the state requirements, comments were invited from the audience at which time a new elementary school was brought up by the audience and discussed. Mr. Green explained the school wealth index to those in attendance and gave a brief synopsis of the Partnership Plan used by the State Facilities Department to fund approved projects in districts across the state. Mr. Green pointed out that his hopes were to continue setting aside funds, in years where it is possible, to grow the building fund as a match to state contributions for a new elementary, possibly by 2026. He also noted that the current bond expires in 2028, and an extension, if passed, was also an option to generate revenue for such an endeavor. This concluded the discussions and the Annual Meeting portion of the night.

Motion by Jeff Eddy, seconded by Stephen Stauffer, to approve the resolution for the 2023 master plan. 100% approved.

**RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL SUPPORT OF  
2023 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS the Cave City School Board has reviewed and voted yes to fully support the School District’s 2023 Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the Cave City School Board understands that the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities & Transportation must approve said 2023 Facilities Master Plans; and

WHEREAS the Cave City School Board understands that when Facilities Master Plans, Partnership applications, and/or Catastrophic project applications are approved, the Academic Facilities Division through the legislative appropriations, may participate in the construction of academic facilities at the state computed wealth index, as funding permits,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cave City School Board has voted to dedicate local resources to meet the school district’s share of financial participation in approved new construction projects listed on the district Facilities Master Plan.

Does the board intend to seek elector approval to fund local share of any proposed project(s):

- FUTURE (if yes, provide approximate date 2025)
- PAST (if yes, provide approximate date \_\_\_\_\_)
- NO

Does the board intend to dedicate other local resources to fund local share of any proposed project(s):

- YES (if yes, provide approximate date Summer 2023)
- NO

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Superintendent

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School Board President

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School Board Secretary

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Date

Motion by Stephen Stauffer, seconded by Jon Hodges, to approve the financial report. 100% approved.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Annual Financial Report and the Budget for the 2022-2023 School year. Mr. Green took a moment to recognize Mrs. Lisa Albertson and Mrs. Kim Carter for all their hard work and dedication in preparing the Annual Financial Report and Budget, before presenting it to the Board. Mr. Green informed the board that the Cycle 1 report will be submitted electronically to the State Department before the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Motion by Jeff Eddy to approve the AFR&B for 2022-2023, seconded by Eddie Walling. 100% approved.

Motion made by Ashley Beller, seconded by Jeff Eddy, to approve the 2022-2023 Special Education Budget, (estimated at \$329,309.45) as prepared by Pam St. John (Sped Coordinator), Lisa Albertson, and Kim Carter. It is to be submitted electronically, as well, before the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. 100% approved.

Motion made by Stephen Stauffer, seconded by Jeff Eddy, to approve the following resolution as required by Act 1120 of 2013. 100% approved.

**RESOLUTION**

**5% Salary Increase Review**

**Arkansas Code Ann. 6-13-635 et seq.**

**Whereas the Cave City School District Board of Directors met in a regular, open, and properly called board meeting on September 19, 2022, in the Cave City High School Library at 6:00 p.m.**

**Whereas six members were present, a quorum was declared by the Board President.**

**Whereas, the superintendent has identified all changes from last school-year's published salary schedule, and has identified and presented the Board of Directors with each employee's salary increase of 5% or more as required under A.C.A. § 6-13-635 and created a spreadsheet explaining each;**

**Therefore, the Cave City School District Board of Directors approves and resolves that the spread sheet including those explanations are a factual representation of the raises given for the 2021-2022 school-year.**

**\*See Attached Cognos Spreadsheet from September 15 or later.**

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**Superintendent** **Date**

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**Board President** **Date**

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**Board Secretary** **Date**

Motion by Eddie Walling, seconded by Jon Hodges, to employ First Security Finance, Scott Beardsley, as Financial Advisor, for a period of three (3) years effective as of the date of adoption. 100% approved.

Motion by Eddie Walling, seconded by Jeff Eddy, to approve Carla McComas’s request for the cheerleaders and coaches trip to Varsity Spirit Spectacular at Disney World in Orlando, Nov. 16-22. 100% approved.

At this point in the meeting, the board went into executive session to act on personnel. After returning from session, motion made by Ashley Beller, seconded by Stephen Stauffer, to approve Mr. Green’s recommendations:

- To hire **Maddie Koch, Debbie Adams, and Chelsey Haigwood** as elementary aides.
- To hire **Dillon Sallas** as a District Reserve Officer with an annual stipend of \$2,000, placed on the classified salary schedule and hire him to teach on his conference hour 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semester. He will be deputized by the city and will have a badge and firearm provided.
- To accept a resignation from **Helen McKinney** as elementary aid. 100% approved.

**Other Business/Good News/Information**

Mr. Green reported that Carrie Bullard has attained a \$25,000 TANF School Food Pantry Grant for her Backpack program through the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas! Since it is our first year, she will also receive a \$5,000 food credit at the North Central Arkansas Food Bank! Great job Carrie!

Motion made by Ashley Beller, seconded by Eddie Walling, to renew the Tower Lease with American Tower for \$285 per month for five years, with a 5% increase after every five from that point on. In five years, we would move to \$300 per month, and so on. This would begin October 1, 2023. 100% approved.

Motion made by Jon Hodges, seconded by Eddie Walling, to grant permission to participate in the DHS snack program for pre-school (CACFP). Since we are a non-profit, the authorization comes from the board. 100% approved.

Board President, Brandon Qualls, tentatively scheduled the October meeting for Monday the 17th. Stephen Stauffer made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jon Hodges, at 7:07 p.m. 100% approved.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_