

**MINUTES  
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
OCTOBER 13, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, in the boardroom at 5:00 p.m. Joe Penn and Greg Gill were not in attendance.

President Brittany Schmidt called the meeting to order, and Clay Sloan offered the prayer.

Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the regular September board meeting as presented. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Belcher thanked the Board for the building dedication in his honor. He also informed the Board of an upcoming training opportunity. Superintendent Belcher also discussed the plans for parent teacher conferences as well as homecoming plans. He discussed the plans to have a virtual student day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next item was New Business. Clay Sloan moved to approve payment of the bills. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports. He also gave a financial update on the building projects.

Michael McBryde, Stephens presented to the board the information concerning the issuance of refunding bonds. Board members received an hour of training from the presentation.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds. Pat Roby moved to approve the resolution. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the transfer of a student from the Westside District. Pat Roby moved to approve the transfer. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Warner Concepts Agreement for the 2020-2021 Master Plan. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the recommendation. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher submitted the final cost of the elementary roof for approval. Doyne Davis moved to approve the roof project as presented. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

**Superintendent Belcher discussed changes to the high school (7-12) semester test policy with the Board. After discussion, the Board approved the following policy:**

**All students in grades 7-12 with an A or B for the first and second nine weeks of each semester will be exempt from the semester test. The students may opt to take the test only to improve their grade.**

**Students who have a C or below average will be required to take the test but only to potentially improve their grade.**

**This policy does not include concurrent credit courses or courses taught online through Black River Technical College.**

**Clay Sloan moved to approve the policy. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.**

**Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a Resolution for Act 1120. Doyne Davis moved to approve the resolution. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**President Schmidt called for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel issues at 6:15p.m.**

**Board reconvened at 6:33p.m. Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the employment of Elaina Barton to the cafeteria/custodial staff. Doyne Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.**

#### **OTHER**

**The next meeting is scheduled on November 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office.**

**Vickie Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.**

**Clay Sloan, Secretary**