

## **Minutes**

### **Lawrence County School Board Meeting**

**September 21, 2015**

**5:00 p.m.**

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the board room at 5:00 p.m.

President Gill called the meeting to order, and John Householder offered the prayer. Joe Penn was not in attendance.

Ron Ingram moved to approve the minutes as presented. John Householder seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher called for nominations for new board officers. Ron Ingram moved to elect John Householder as President of the School Board for the 2015-2016 school year. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Greg Gill moved to elect Ron Ingram as Vice President. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Pat Roby moved to elect Clay Sloan as Board Secretary. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher stated to the Board that according to Act 671-2003 the Board must name one of its members as the primary dispersing officer. Mr. Belcher proposed that the newly elected President, John Householder serve as the dispersing officer for the District. Greg Gill moved to nominate John Householder as the dispersing officer of the Lawrence County School Board. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher moved to the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board of problems concerning the elementary roof. Mr. Belcher stated that he had contacted someone to check the problem. Mr. Belcher discussed ballgame leagues with the Board. Mr. Belcher also updated the Board on the current increased enrollment status of 966 students.

The next item was New Business. Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the bills for approval. Greg Gill moved to approve the payment of the bills. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Michael McBryde from Stephens, Inc. proposed the board approve a resolution to refund outstanding bonds in order to produce debt service savings. Superintendent Belcher recommended the board approve the resolution as presented. Ron Ingram moved to approve the resolution as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

In other New Business Superintendent, Belcher presented the 2015-2016 Budget for approval. Greg Gill moved to approve the budget as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the Board with ASBA model policy agreement for approval. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the policy as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the Board vehicle bids with the recommendation to purchase a truck from Cavanaugh. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to approve the proposal made by Excel Energy Group to update the lighting to an LED system. Ron Ingram moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

After discussion, Mr. Belcher recommended the board reject the bid made by Zach Wilson for the Black Rock property. Greg Gill made the motion to approve the recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Certificate of deposit bids were received from Regions, Iberiabank, and First National Bank. Mr. Belcher recommended that the board accept the highest bid of 1.15% from First National Bank. Ron Ingram moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 6:51 p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board increase the contract of Melanie Hicks, Speech Pathologist to an 8 hour a day contract. Greg Gill moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher recommended the Board add to the substitute list Jennifer Jean, Rosa Hill, Ruby Gardner, and Cheryl Weaver. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

In Other Business, the date for the regularly scheduled board meeting was set for October 26, 2015. Annual Public Meeting was set for October 26 as well at 6:30 p.m. in the middle-level library. The Board made plans to attend the New Board Member Institute in Little Rock on October 13, 2015. The Board was also given the information concerning other board training opportunities and received event calendars.

Greg Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

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Clay Sloan, Secretary

