

Minutes

Lawrence County School Board Meeting

April 12, 2017

5:00p.m.

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2017 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's Office at 5:00 p.m.

President Ingram called the meeting to order. Clay Sloan offered the prayer.

Greg Gill moved to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

President Ingram moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Mr. Belcher discussed the recent facilities inspection. He also discussed the Advanced Ed visit. In addition, he informed the Board concerning the Black Rock campus vandalism. Mr. Belcher gave updates on the ACT Aspire test, prom plans, and Arkansas Activities Association plans. He stated the district had passed a records bus inspection. Mr. Belcher stated that the district's SRO officer, Matt Schutzius had been a big help to have on campus.

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

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports. Superintendent Belcher updated the Board on expenses for the district.

The Commencement Speaker Committee reported that Lance Weir is the Commencement speaker. Joe Penn moved to pay the speaker \$250 for the commencement travel expenses. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve 8 student applications for School Choice. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to approve payment of the WRHS Scholarship Awards that are given by the Lawrence County School Board of Education. Brittany Schmidt moved to accept the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to accept Calendar B for the 2017-2018 school year. Greg Gill moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received a unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a \$700 bonus for all employees in the district with the exception of the superintendent. Joe Penn moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a \$100 increase to the salary schedule base and \$100 increase to the master salary schedule for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a \$1500 stipend to the Key Club sponsor and a \$500 increase to the Student Council sponsor stipend on the salary schedule. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent recommended the Board approve a \$1000 salary stipend for the Trap team. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent recommended the Board approve Mary Smith to be the assistant cheer sponsor with a stipend to the salary schedule of \$500 and an addition of \$500 stipend for the baseball/softball coach positions. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the following classified salary schedule adjustments for the 2017-2018 school year:

\$.50 per hr raises for Renee Linebaugh and \$1.00 per hr to Samantha Burton for production records.

Joe Penn moved to approve the raise adjustments as recommended. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Ordinance NO.832-17 from the City of Walnut Ridge granting the district the Community Center Building. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the resignation of Mary Beth Dickson. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board rehire the classified employees for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Brittany Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Jason Belcher on a 11 month contract, as high school Career Facilitator/Coach for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to hire the following teachers for summer school class: Stacy Rice, Natalie Wallin, and Janna Berry. Joe Penn moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve Brittany Benson, Terry Passalaqua, and Ashley McQuay as a cafeteria and custodial substitute. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item was Other Business. Superintendent Belcher gave the board various dates for events happening in May. The next meeting was set for May 9, 2017.

At 6:30 p.m. Clay Sloan moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Vickie Mitchell, Secretary