

**MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
OCTOBER 23, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 2023, in the boardroom at 5:00 p.m.

President Vickie Mitchell called the meeting to order, and offered the prayer.

Scott Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular September board meeting as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Adam Davis moved to approve the special board meeting minutes as presented. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Belcher informed the Board that the 7-12 students received the Best Growth Scores Overall Award in math from the University of Arkansas for the 2023 school year. He congratulated the volleyball team on their conference championship and updated the Board on the state tournament plans. He gave updates on football and stated basketball was starting in earnest. Superintendent Belcher also discussed the need to increase student attendance policies.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. 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 presented the Board with Admin reports (HB1535 ACT 425) for the month of October.

Superintendent Belcher discussed a proposal to participate in a cost-sharing agreement with the Arkansas Department of Education, to provide up to twelve weeks of paid maternity leave for eligible educational personnel. He stated he would be meeting with the district Personnel Policy Committee to discuss the proposal.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Universal Free Breakfast program proposed by the Child Nutrition Unit. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Vickie Mitchell called for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel issues at 5:50p.m.

Board reconvened at 6:00p.m. Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the leave request of Sarah Long. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER

The next Board meeting was scheduled for November 13th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office.

Joe Penn moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Brittany Farmer Secretary