

**Minutes
Lawrence County School Board Meeting
July 13, 2015**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, July 13 in the board room of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m. John Householder was not in attendance.

President Gill called the meeting to order. John Bland offered the prayer.

Superintendent Belcher presented the June minutes for Board approval. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

President Gill moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board that the summer projects were in the process of being completed.

Superintendent Belcher presented the bills for approval. Ron Ingram made a motion to approve payment of the current bills. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports for the District.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 school year for approval. Joe Penn moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item of New Business was to elect Terry Belcher as Ex-Officio Officer. Joe Penn moved to elect Terry Belcher. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item of New Business was to elect Leslie Burgin District Treasurer. Ron Ingram moved to elect Leslie Burgin. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the student handbook policy changes. Mr. Belcher recommended the following changes be added to the Walnut Ridge High School 7-12 student handbook and the Walnut Ridge Elementary K-4 handbook for the 2015-2016 school year. Joe Penn moved to approve the changes. John Bland seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

High School Handbook Changes for 2015-16

- **Include e-cigarettes in the tobacco policy pg. 47**
- **Allow one warning on the phone policy; parent must still come get the phone pg. 62**
- **Students must obtain permission from the principal to check out during lunch. pg. 65**
- **Racerback shirts are not allowed and leggings must be worn with a shirt of appropriate length covering the buttocks. pg. 66**
- **Change attendance policy to deny credit after 10 unexcused absences pg. 8**

- Medicare Billing Release
- Admission requirements for AP courses shall include some or all of the following: Teacher recommendation, Counselor recommendation, A grade of "A" or "B" in previous pre-requisite courses, 3.0 GPA, no discipline referrals to the office pg. 23
- Tardy policy changed to every tardy after 5 will be I.S.S. pg. 63

K-4 CHANGES FOR 2015-16

- Front Cover: 2015-16
- Mission Statement: Remove "the" from the 3rd sentence
- Insert 2015-16 Calendar
- Medicaid Billing Release
- Page 7: Kindergarten Enrollment Requirements: August 1, 2015
- Page 10: Active Shooter Drill change year to 2015-2016
- Page 24: Tobacco delete "cigarette paper" Add E-Cigarettes

Superintendent presented the Certificate of Deposit bids as follows:

First National Bank 1.03%

Iberiabank .55%

Regions .15%

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the bid of First National Bank at the rate of 1.03%. John Bland moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented a list of retired fixed assets for approval. Joe Penn moved to approve the list as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a Board Resolution concerning a USDA Grant that the district has received. John Bland moved to approve the resolution as recommended. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the bid received by Mt. Vernon Baptist Church for the amount of \$62,500 for the vocational, administration, and old agriculture buildings on the Black Rock campus. The sale of the property is contingent on the buyer paying half of the chemical removal by Hill Services and with the stipulation that the customary standard conditions by seller and buyer would apply, that if a survey is necessary each party will pay half of the cost. If the conditions are not met, the offer would be null and void. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board reject the \$20,000 bid for the three elementary buildings, accompanying land, the house located on St. Joseph Street and the house at 661 Beech Street on the Black Rock campus. Ron Ingram moved to accept the recommendation to reject the bid. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

At 6:30p.m. President Gill called for Executive Session.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the resignation of Lori McKenzie, Literacy teacher and ALE Director. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Sharon Lamb, computer lab aide. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the resignation of Stephanie Johnson, Resource Aide. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Judith Holland as the high school Literacy teacher and ALE Director. Ron Ingram moved to accept the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Melanie Davis, as the middle school secretary. Vickie Mitchell moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Mary Beth Sherrill, Aide. Ron Ingram moved to accept the recommendation. John Bland seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Amanda Ludwig, Resource Aide. Joe Penn moved to accept the recommendation. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher recommended the Board approve to employ Margaret Hall, on a timesheet as needed. John Bland moved to accept the recommendation. Ron Ingram seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Other/Miscellaneous Business the next Board meeting was scheduled for August 10 at 5:00 p.m.

At 7:15p.m. Ron Ingram moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Ron Ingram, Secretary