

**MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MARCH 17, 2025**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in their regularly scheduled session on Monday, March 17, 2025 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Scott Brady moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

President Greg Gill moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board that Spring Break was next week. He also informed them of makeup days and that elementary school pictures will be on April 17. He stated that the district received a Safety Grant, PLC grant, and an EA Sports grant. Superintendent Belcher stated he would be meeting with the PPC committee concerning the upcoming calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. Brittany Farmer moved to approve payment of the bills. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Admin reports HB1535/ACT were presented to board members.

Vickie Mitchell and Brittany Farmer were selected as the Commencement Speaker Committee for the 2025 Commencement.

Superintendent Belcher presented for approval the 5 Freedom of Choice applications for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Joe Penn moved to approve the applications as presented. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the High School Scholarship Awards. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the awards. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent presented the Proposed Budget for the upcoming 26-27 school year. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the budget as proposed. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Cynergy Agreement for approval. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the agreement as presented. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented for approval the Safety Grant purchases. Scott Brady moved to approve the purchases as presented. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Old gym floor repair was tabled.

Approved Transfers:
Hoxie School District-Devon Edwards
Pocahontas School District-Salem Morse

Sloan Hendrix School District-Jackson Robins

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45p.m. President Greg Gill called for the Board to go into Executive session for discussing personnel issues.

At 7:30p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Mary Carol Young an attorney with RMP addressed the Board.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the board rehire the certified personnel for the 2025-2026 school year. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ summer school teachers, Tracy Hallman and Natalie Wallin. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ ACT summer teachers, Becky Robinson, Jerry Haynes, and Ashton Roby. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the resignation of elementary teacher, Sarah Haney. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

The next meeting of the Lawrence County School Board was set for April 14 at 5:00p.m.

At 7:45p.m. Brittany Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Brittany Farmer, Secretary