

BLEVINS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 9, 2018

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Blevins school board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by president Laura Clark on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the administration building. Board members present: Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Cindy Parks, and Ted Bonner. Others in attendance: Superintendent Billy Lee and Principal Pat Loe.

Prayer was led by Janet Banister and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 board meeting (NOTE: The mileage reimbursement rate from the Migrant Program is expected to be \$2.22 per mile per Superintendent Lee). Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the financial report for March 31, 2018. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

There was one contract disclosure --- for Denise Sweat (wife of Chris Sweat). Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the contract disclosure. Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 classified salary schedule. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Carl McGill arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the new salary schedule for bus drivers - --- the board adopted option # 2 (see attached proposed schedule options). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the June 30, 2017 Arkansas Legislative Audit Report. Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

The board reviewed the 2018/2019 bids. Janet Banister made a motion to table the issue until next board meeting to allow time to review/research bids. Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

The board discussed the issue of hiring a full-time Resource Officer for the 2018/2019 school year. The Hempstead County Sheriff's Office would assign a deputy to the position (9-month contract). The board requested that Superintendent Lee research the cost to the district and the board will review at 05/14/2018 board meeting.

Ted Bonner made a motion to provide "High Priority Bonus" to those on the attached list that are not currently eligible. Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Carl McGill made a motion to approve the Edmentun Contract at a cost of \$7870.00 for the 2018/2019 school year. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the 2018 Elementary Improvement Plan. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the 2018 High School Improvement Plan. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Principal Reports:

Elementary is no longer a school improvement nor is it a focus school. Per Principal Pat Loe, they are working on literacy; health and wellness; body mass index; continuing with current plans; and making improvement to reach goals.

High School is still focus school (originally based on graduation rate). New testing will determine support students need.

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the resignation of Cyndi Moorman. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the resignation of Tarah Gentry. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to accept the resignation of Kristy Benight. Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the resignation of Christian Miller. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

The board went into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Cindy Parks made a motion to rescind the previous vote in which we rehired all certified personnel (Laura Clark advised the board that we are not required to “rehire” staff). Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

All classified personnel were rehired (with the exception of grounds keeper) --- no action/vote need by board. Ted Bonner made a motion postpone the renewal of grounds keeper contract until the May 14, 2018 board meeting. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to reassign Nancy Myrick Weinfurtner to High School Counselor. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to hire Will Squires as high school science teacher (per contract, he will teach 7 periods). Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to hire Natalie Jones as high school teacher. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to hire Brandy Squires as high school English teacher for grades 7th – 9th. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to hire Patricia Steed as high school English teacher for grades 10th - 12th ----- also she will serve as yearbook advisor. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Ted Bonner made a motion to approve the E-Rate Central Pay Bill for \$2400.00 for the school year 2017/2018. Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Mr. Kirkham addressed the board regarding the issue of valedictorian/salutatorian language in the student handbook. No action taken by the board.

Janet Banister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

MINUTES APPROVED:

BOARD PRESIDENT: _____

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICER: _____

Not Eligible for High Priority Bonus

Stephanie Clark Facilitator District

Regina Huskey Facilitator District

Billy Lee Admin District

Pat Loe Admin District

Jeffrey Steed Admin District

Emily Davis PreK ABC

Angie Mitchell Food Service