

BLEVINS SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Blevins School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Laura Clark on Monday, February 12, 2018 in the administration office. Board members present: Laura Clark, Janet Banister, Cindy Parks, Chandra Dixon, Ted Bonner, and Blake Simmons. Others in attendance: Superintendent Billy Lee and Jeffrey Steed.

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

Blake Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting held January 8, 2018. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

Janet Banister made a motion to approve the minutes of the special board meetings held January 10, 2018; January 11, 2018; January 17, 2018; and January 18, 2018. Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the financial report for January 31, 2018. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-0 vote. The board also discussed issues regarding charging a gate fee for entrance to baseball and softball games ---- no action taken by the board at this time.

No contract disclosure issues.

Jason Holsclaw from Stephens Inc discussed the restructuring of bonds. Cindy Parks made a motion to authorize Superintendent Billy Lee to move forward with working with Stephens Inc regarding this issue. The motion also approved the "Resolution to Refund Outstanding Bonds in Order to Produce Debt Service Savings". At a later date, they will present a finalized report to the board for approval. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

Board member Carl McGill arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Cindy Parks made a motion to approve the "Proposed Budget of Expenditures Together With Tax Levy For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 And Including June 20, 2020". Ted Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7-0 vote. (This document had to be filed by February 22, 2018 due to May 2018 election).

James Mitchell presented a proposed change to "Classified Personnel Policy 8.43 – Bus Driver Seniority Polity". No board action taken at this time --- will review at March board meeting.

The security of the high school gym was discussed. The board requested that a committee be established to draft guidelines to ensure security of the facilities (Superintendent Billy Lee, High School Principal Jeffery Steed, and high school coaches). Also, no one should be allowed in the gym unless authorized school personnel are present at all times.

The board requested that a committee be established to review all current school bus routes. The board recommended that all routes are equally divided based not only on number of students riding, but also on the route mileage. Also, the board asked the committee to review the establishment of an inclement weather route. Laura Clark asked that Jeffrey Steed and other committee members work on a proposal to clean up the routes. No board action taken at this time ----- will review at March board meeting.

The board discussed obtaining new playground equipment. No board action taken at this time ----- the school will review with city officials to determine if grant money is available to offset the cost of the playground equipment.

The board set a May 1, 2018 deadline for the current occupants to vacate the "superintendent's house" to allow time for cleaning and any needed repairs (Superintendent Billy Lee will notify the current occupants of this date).

High School Principal Report --- They are currently working on second round of interim testing of ACT aspire ---- 3rd round begins in March --- final round in April. They are also reviewing separation of 7th and 8th grades students from 9th – 12th grades ----- report to board will be made at a later date.

No Elementary Principal Report.

Parent (Terri Williams) asked that the board approval her children to complete the remainder of the school year in Prescott Public Schools. Ted Bonner made a motion to approve the transfer. Cindy Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

The board went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to review personnel issues. The board came out of executive session at 8:51 p.m.

Cindy Parks made a motion to accept the resignation of Vance Williamson as full-time substitute bus driver. Chandra Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

Blake Simmons made a motion to renew the contract for High School Principal (Jeffrey Steed) for school year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Chandra Dixon. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

Cindy Parks made a motion to hire Pat Low as Elementary Principal for school year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (currently serving as interim principal). Carl McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-1 vote (Ted Bonner voted against motion).

Ted Bonner made a motion to accept the terms of the contract for Stephanie Dixon as Superintendent --- 3-year contract for school year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Janet Banister seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7-0 vote. Mrs. Dixon accepted the terms of the contract.

Ted Bonner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion seconded by Cindy Parks. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

MINUTES APPROVED:

BOARD PRESIDENT: _____

EX-OFFICIO FINANCIAL OFFICE: _____