

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting

April 18, 2019

Early Childhood Center

5:30 p.m.

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Open Session – 6:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President

Tana Booker, Vice-President

Sylvia Payne, Treasurer

Scott Perkins, Member

Jason Evans, Member

Kim Grayson, Member

Justin Strong, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:35 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Jason Evans absent.
- II. Motion by Sylvia and second by Tana to approve the April 18, 2019 agenda. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion by Sylvia and second by Scott to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session for Section 610.021.3 & .13 (Personnel Matters). Tim-yea, Tana-yea, Sylvia-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:38 p.m. to begin open session. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present with the exception of Jason Evans.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Public Comment: None.
- VII. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion by Sylvia and second by Justin to approve the consent agenda items as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- VIII. Reports:
 - A. Steelville Organization of Staff: No report given.
 - B. Food Service: No report given.
 - C. MSBA: Board Member, Kim Grayson had no report to give.
 - D. Principals: Principals provided a printed report for the board members. Elementary Principal Candice Richter added that they just finished with Kindergarten screening and approximately 55 children registered. It is a smaller class than last year and she also said they received good screening scores as well. Mrs. Richter also added that they just finished Pre-K screening and there was a large number, so discussions have begun

regarding the large number since there is a limited amount of spots open for morning and afternoon classes. The Elementary has also kicked off MAP testing. It has been a good first week.

Middle School Principal Stephanie Billingsley added that they have also kicked off MAP testing. It has been a good first week and with the new testing schedule the students don't seem to be as stressed. Summer School enrollment forms were handed out this week. The Whispering Winds field trip happened last week and it went very well. The students seemed to love it. There were a lot of fun activities for everyone. Mrs. Billingsley also added that our Middle School Science Team (Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Tolly, and Mrs. Gibbs) presented at the National Science Teachers Association conference in St. Louis that was held on April 12th.

High School Principal Steven Vetter added that the 8th grade parent night went very well and 63 students attended. The job fair that was held at the High School this week went very well. There were 28 businesses that came. High School Counselor Danielle Collins put a lot of work into getting this job fair organized. EOC testing will begin in May.

- E. Athletic Director: No report given.
- F. Director of Learning: Matt Hammonds reported that the DESE equality visit went very well. They found no testing issues. This year, DESE allows the MAP testing to be paused if needed and they also allow teachers to look back and see if a student rushed through the test. If the student did rush, the teacher can reset the test so the student can retake it.
- G. Superintendent: Mr. Whittaker reported that our ADA is at a 916, which is still really good. He is beginning to look at the current budget and the FY20 budget. He and Bookkeeper, April Mathews are working on changes that need to be made to the current budget and then of course starting to prepare to complete the FY20 budget.

IX. Previous Business:

- 1. Motion by Tana and second by Sylvia to approve the Proposition S Election Results. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- 2. Facilities Update: Mr. Whittaker spoke about the progress of the new bus shed and how it is coming along very nicely. He encouraged everyone to drive by in the evening to see the lighting on the outside of the bus shed. The lighting is very bright and looks nice. Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering presented and went into detail of the site plan for the new campus improvements, Phase 1 and Phase 2. He went into detail on Phase 1. Phase 1 will consist of the demolition of the Old Middle School, plus dealing with the asbestos and lead removal and a some work being done to the Elementary cafeteria and art room before the demolition begins, building the Elementary gym and connecting the gym to the Elementary building and the Middle School building, and replacement of the sewer line. Mr. Mentink discussed the time frame of the bidding process of the demolition and the Elementary gym and sewer lines. He hopes to get the bidding process moving on the demolition by May and the Elementary

gym and sewer lines by July. Mr. Whittaker hopes to also have some of the new playground completed by the start of the new school year. He also said he hopes to have a new concrete basketball court built as well on the playground.

3. Motion by Sylvia and second by Scott to approve the master copy of the MSBA policy update with the exception of the staff background checks. Mr. Whittaker would like to review that more. All members present voted yes on said motion.
4. FY20 budget: Mr. Whittaker is reviewing everything now and getting prepared to begin the budget process. He said state funding is looking good, but said that the Title budget looked to be decreasing by \$40,000. He discussed Fund 4 and there has been a lot of spending out of this fund due to all the construction going on. He is not concerned about it, but wanted to share that with the Board. We may be deficit spending due to getting out of our current insurance consortium, but he is not concerned with that.

New Business:

5. Motion by Sylvia and second by Justin to approve the summer school dates (May 21st-June 4th First Session and June 5th-June 18th Second Session). All members present voted yes on said motion.
 6. Motion by Tana and second by Sylvia to approve the Yearbook Purchase Agreement with Walsworth. All members present voted yes on said motion.
 7. Motion by Sylvia and second by Justin to set the next regular School Board Meeting date for May 23, 2019, closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- X. Motion by Tana and second by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Tana-yea, Sylvia-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, and Justin-yea. All members voted yes on said motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date