

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting

March 21, 2019

Early Childhood Center

5:30 p.m.

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Open Session – 6:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President

Scott Perkins, Vice-President

Sylvia Payne, Treasurer

Jason Evans, Member

Kim Grayson, Member

Tana Booker, Member

Justin Strong, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:31 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Sylvia Payne absent.
- II. Motion by Justin and second by Jason to approve the March 21, 2019 agenda. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion by Tana and second by Jason to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session for Section 610.021.1 (Legal), .3 & .13 (Personnel Matters), and .12 (Contract Negotiations-Architect). Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Jason-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:34 p.m. to begin open session. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present with the exception of Sylvia Payne.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Public Comment:
Sarah Carney of Ozark Connect spoke. Her organization connects Farmer's and Artist's. They like to have both a Farmer's Market and Artist's Market. The organization would like to be able to use school property for the Market on certain Saturdays. The organization does have insurance through the Steelville Chamber of Commerce. Superintendent Mike Whittaker asked them to complete the proper paperwork from our office. They completed and turned in at the Board Meeting. Mr. Whittaker will review it along with the Board and make a decision. School Board President Tim Mullen said it all depends on if any construction is taking place on our campus. Everyone's safety is important. Mr. Whittaker will contact Ms. Carney once a decision has been made and if there are any further questions.
- VII. Public Hearing – School Calendar
Call to order and roll call at 6:39 p.m. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Sylvia Payne absent.

A brief hearing was held by Superintendent Mike Whittaker to discuss the 19-20 School Calendar as required by statute, when starting school more than 10 days prior to the first Monday in September. There was little discussion and Mr. Whittaker did add that starting like this has mostly to do with tourism. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

- VIII. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion by Jason and second by Justin to approve the consent agenda items as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- IX. 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 53 families attended Kindergarten Registration night on March 21, 2019. She was pleased with that large number. April 12, 2019 will be Kindergarten Screening. She also added that they have been working hard on a Dyslexia Plan, which will be ready soon to present to the Board.
Middle School Principal Stephanie Billingsley added that the Middle School Science Olympiad Team has qualified for the State Competition and that will be on April 27, 2019. She congratulated Teacher Patty Pratt who was in the audience and of course was very proud of the students that will be going on to the State Competition.
High School Principal Steven Vetter added that Prom will be on April 13, 2019. Invitations were handed out to all Board Members. April 16, 2019 will be the Job Fair at the high school. The High School Math team won the GVC math competition last week. Track, baseball, and golf are off to a good start. All teams are practicing hard.
 - E. Athletic Director: No report given.
 - F. Director of Learning: Matt Hammonds reported that Map, EOC, and ACT testing are all coming up soon. DESE equality visit will be coming soon. Our campus was chosen for an equality visit. Teachers have been participating in the self-assessment profile survey. Elementary Principal Candice Richter, Special Education Director Christy Cornick, and Mr. Hammonds have been working hard on developing building improvement plans.
 - G. Superintendent: Mr. Whittaker reported on the MSBA regional meeting that will be coming up on April 8, 2019 in Bourbon. He would like Board Members to attend if they can. Mr. Whittaker said that some of the surrounding Superintendents came together to draft a letter to our Representatives to express their concerns regarding the Charter Schools Bill. They also contacted Senator Brown. He said they were very pleased with Senator Brown and his strong support of Education. Mr. Whittaker also reported to the Board that one of our bus motors went bad this week

and a new motor will cost \$21,000. This repair will be happening next week.

X. Previous Business:

1. Missouri Options Graduation: Missouri Options Teacher Jodie Cottrell presented Cierra Ventura with her High School Diploma after completing the proper class work and test of the Missouri Options Program. Mrs. Cottrell and High School Principal Steven Vetter were very proud of Cierra and her hard work.
2. Facilities Update: Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering presented and discussed the site plan for the new campus improvements. Mr. Mentink said when the old middle school is gone it will allow for a really nice area, especially the new drop off and pick up area for the elementary and middle school. The drop off and pick up area will be one way, which will make it safer. The overall improvement of the new entrance will be more attractive as well. Mr. Mentink said he sees this project as being a two-year project for the elementary and middle school entrance and elementary improvements. Mr. Mentink went over the floor plan of the new gym. He spoke about the enclosed walkway between the middle school and elementary buildings. There will be two bathrooms, storage, and an open area for people to walk around. The gym will be a full-size gym like the high school and bleachers on one side. The court material will be a cushioned vinyl material. This material is a better, more durable material than wood. Mr. Whittaker showed pictures of the progress of the new bus shed being built. The Board was very pleased with the progress. Mr. Whittaker spoke to the contractor about when he thought the bus shed might be completed and the contractor said in June.
3. MSBA policy review: Mr. Whittaker emailed the policies out to the Board Members and he would like them to review and discuss at next board meeting.

New Business:

1. Motion by Tana and second by Jason to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar. All members present voted yes on said motion.
2. Motion by Jason and second by Justin to approve the Annual Amendment to the Food Service Management Contract. All members present voted yes on said motion.
3. Insurance Consortium Options for FY 20: Mr. Whittaker presented comparisons of our current Consortium (SCEC) and the new Consortium (OSBA). Our school district has been with SCEC for 14 years. Costs continue to go up. OSBA offers 7 plans, which is more than what SCEC offers and prices are better on most plans as shown on Mr. Whittaker's comparison sheets. Mr. Whittaker's recommendation to the Board is to end our contact with SCEC and enter into an agreement with OSBA.

Motion by Justin and second by Jason to terminate membership with SCEC Consortium. All members present voted yes on said motion.

Motion by Tana and second by Justin to enter into an agreement with OSBA (Ozark Schools Benefit Association), effective July 1, 2019. All members present voted yes on said motion.

4. Motion by Jason and second by Kim to approve Architect/Contract with Integrity Engineering. All members present voted yes on said motion.
5. Motion by Justin and second by Tana to set the next regular School Board Meeting date for April 18, 2019, closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. All members present voted yes on said motion.
6. Motion by Justin and second by Scott to set Reorganizational Board Meeting and discuss Teacher Evaluations for April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. All members present voted yes on said motion.

XI. Motion by Tana and second by Jason to adjourn the meeting to go back into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021.1 (Legal) and .3 & .13 (Personnel Matters). Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Jason-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

XII. Motion by Jason and second by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Jason-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, and Justin-yea. All members voted yes on said motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Board President Date

Board Secretary Date