

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Place: High School Board Room

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: April 13, 2015

PRESENT

Position 1:  
Position 2: Danny Blankenship  
Position 3: Julia Chapman  
Position 4: Kenny Morehead  
Position 5: Debbie Moody  
Position 6: Mike McCandlis  
Position 7: Rhonda Moss

ABSENT

Robert Reeves

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on April 13, 2015 in the Izard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed Robert Reeves absent.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015 regular meeting. Motion passed, 6-0.

Kenny Morehead made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to re-employ all classified staff who wished to return. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that Special Education Coordinator Caren Warden has decided to retire this year after 17 years with the district. Walker commended Warden for her dedicated and loyal service to the district.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to employ Rebecca Rider as elementary physical education, middle/high school teacher, and assistant softball and girls basketball coach and to employ Tony Booth as a bus driver for the 2015-16 school year. Motion passed, 6-0. Rider is a 1994 ICC graduate and has worked the past 14 years at Highland as a coach and physical education and health teacher. During her tenure at Highland, Rider was head softball coach for 14 years and her teams were state runner-ups twice, regional champions twice, and conference champs once. She also assisted with the girls' basketball teams for seven years and the basketball teams won one state championship, three regional championships, four district championships, and four conference championships during this time.

Walker told the board that the new Biomedical Sciences program had been a great success this year and the high school would add two more courses next year for its 9-12 grade students. The high offered Principles of Biomedical Science this year and will add Human Body Systems and Medical Interventions next year. Rachel Faulkner is the Biomedical Sciences teacher and she holds a master's degree in biology from Arkansas State University.

High School Principal David Harmon commended the following students for receiving eight of 14 state awards for their essays at the Arkansas Laws of Life Essay Banquet held at Hendrix College on April 7. The students honored and their awards included first place sophomore and \$300 – Kennedy Wallis; second place sophomore and \$150 – Cody Workman, third place sophomore and \$125 – Emma Roberts, superior sophomore award and \$100 – Ezechiele Felton,

first place junior and \$500 – Micah Fuller, third place junior and \$200 – Erica Sac, superior junior and \$100 – Emily Smith, and second place senior and \$250 - Amanda Hutchins. English teacher Elizabeth Cowan received a \$100 cash award for the school having the most students winning awards in the state.

Harmon also commended the school livestock team for winning several awards at the North Central Arkansas Spring District Fair at Melbourne recently. The winners included Kailee Boverhof – grand champion exotic commercial heifer, first place market steer, and overall supreme commercial heifer; Brianna Denny – first place market steer; Seth McCurley – grand champion Brangus bull, reserve grand champion breeding meat goat; Jonah Savell – grand champion junior breeding meat goat and third place goat showmanship; and Tess Savell – grand champion junior market goat, first place breeding meat goat, fifth place junior goat showmanship, overall supreme market goat, grand champion Star 5 bull, third place junior beef showmanship, and overall supreme bull. Wayne Neal is the livestock team sponsor.

Harmon also commended the band program for having Adryanna Woodward (clarinet) and James Norton (alto saxophone) selected to the Mid-South Honor Band and they participated in the Mid-South Honor Band clinic at Arkansas State University and Norton was named second chair in the alto saxophone section. Jonathan Phillips is the band director.

Harmon noted that the district's recent IZARD County Invitational Pee Wee Basketball Tournament and the North Arkansas High School All Star Basketball Classic had netted the athletic department approximately \$12,000 for the two events. Harmon praised KSAR radio, Coach Cooper and Bob Harpole for their excellent coverage of the All Star Classic.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride announced that the high school's EAST program had been honored with an excellent rating in the conference and overview category at the state EAST convention recently. Tim Massey is the EAST coordinator.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Kenny Morehead, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

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Danny Blankenship, President

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Debbie Moody, Secretary