

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: August 12, 2014

PRESENT

ABSENT

Position 1: Robert Reeves

Position 2:

Danny Blankenship

Position 3: Julia Chapman

Position 4: Kenny Morehead

Position 5: Debbie Moody

Position 6: Mike McCandlis

Position 7: Rhonda Moss

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on August 12, 2014 in the Izard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed Danny Blankenship absent.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 regular meeting. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Kenny Morehead, to employ Kelly Shelton as an instructional paraprofessional and Beatrice Davis as a .60 FTE medicaid clerk for the 2014-15 school year. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker announced to the board that the 2014 ICC seniors had performed exceptionally well on college readiness indicators according to a recent college readiness report from ACT. ICC seniors scored well above the state average on all areas of the ACT including a composite average of 22.1 which is far above the state average of 20.4. In addition, ICC seniors averaged impressive numbers of 22.8 in English (state average is 20.1), 22.7 in reading (state average is 20.8), 21.2 in science (state average is 20.3), and 21.1 in mathematics (state average is 19.9). Walker noted that the district historically has performed well on college readiness indicators and has scored above the state average in four of the past five years on the ACT. Walker told the board that these scores are a reflection on the excellent teaching staff at all levels at ICC and also the emphasis the district has put on preparing students well for college or other career paths. Walker said, "These scores show that ICC students are being well prepared for their future endeavors by their teachers because ACT recognizes the importance of the students' academic skills and also their college readiness. It is important to note this data shows that ICC teachers are not simply teaching students to pass state tests but giving them a broader range of skills necessary to be successful in life."

Walker also announced that the high school's graduation rate of 97 percent ranked fourth in the state for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years, according to a recent report from the Office of Educational Policy at the University of Arkansas. In addition, ICC ranked second in the state among schools with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students, according to the OEP's list of "Schools Beating the Odds."

Walker told the board that the district is spending approximately \$90,000 for Google Chrome Books so that every student and teacher in grades 5-12 will be able to have an individual Google

Chrome Book for use in all their classes this year. In addition, the district will provide a Google Chrome Book Mobile Lab for student use in grades K-4. Walker said the district's teachers were being trained this week by ICC Technology Coordinator Steven Walker in using the Chrome Books effectively with the students.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride announced that the ICC Livestock Show held recently at the high school livestock barn had been a success and also that ICC students had performed exceptionally well recently at both the IZARD County Fair Livestock Show and the FULTON County Fair Livestock Show. McBride noted that ICC students won 77 awards including 17 belt buckles, 14 grand champions, six reserve champions, seven showmanship honors, and total premium awards of \$1,250 in the sheep, goats, and cattle categories in the IZARD County Fair Livestock Show. In the FULTON County Fair Livestock Show, ICC students won 34 awards including 13 grand champions, four reserve grand champions, and three showmanship honors. Wayne Neal is the Livestock Team advisor.

McBride also announced that Amanda Hutchins was the girls golf individual champion of the Cougar Classic.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Kenny Morehead, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

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Julia Chapman, President

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Rhonda Moss, Secretary