

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

Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Date: December 17, 2018

PRESENT

ABSENT

Position 1: Robert Reeves  
Position 2: Danny Blankenship  
Position 3: Julia Chapman  
Position 4: Candace Killian  
Position 5: Debbie Moody  
Position 6: Mike McCandlis  
Position 7: Rhonda Moss

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The IZard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on December 17, 2018, in the IZard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed all members present.

Rhonda Moss made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018, regular meeting. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Candace Killian, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 7-0.

Rhonda Moss made a motion, seconded by Candace Killian, to raise substitute pay to \$70 for unlicensed substitutes and \$80 for licensed substitutes beginning January 1, 2019. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve a transfer request. Motion passed, 7-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker announced that the elementary school and high school had won six awards from the Office of Education Policy of the University of Arkansas for growth on the ACT Aspire. The elementary school placed third in the Northeast Region of the state for math growth and the high school placed fifth in the Northeast Region for English language arts growth. The elementary and high school also won four awards for "Beating the Odds" by the Office of Education Policy. The high school won for statewide overall growth (8th in the state), statewide English language arts Growth (9th in the state), and English Language Arts Growth in the Northeast Region (2nd in Region). The elementary school won for Math Growth in the Northeast Region (2nd in Region). "Beating the Odds" awards are based on demonstrating high growth on the ACT Aspire even though the school has a high poverty rate. In addition, Walker noted that the high school had received student recognition award money from the Arkansas Department of Education for ranking in the top 5 percent in growth on the ACT Aspire and a high graduation rate.

Walker commended teachers Courtney Selph and Vicky Norton for qualifying as National Board Certified Teachers. Walker noted that this is a very prestigious honor and ICC has had four of the six teachers in the whole county that have qualified as National Board Certified Teachers. The NBC teachers will each receive \$10,000 per year from the Arkansas Department of Education as a reward for achieving this honor. Walker also told the board that Jack and Margaret Yancey had donated a cow and calf pair to the school livestock program.

Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Tim Massey announced the establishment of the Janice Blankenship Memorial Scholarship for ICC seniors to honor Janice's impact on the district's patrons and students. Janice was a great supporter of the district who passed away last summer. Massey told the board that over \$6,000 was raised for the scholarship through a pie auction at a home basketball game with Calico Rock. Massey thanked Tony Watson for volunteering to be the auctioneer for the auction.

Principal Billy McBride announced that three students had won awards from the VFW Essay Patriot Pen Contest. Elijah Wilkes, Porter Burton, and Garrett Roberts placed first, second, and third, respectively. Burton later was also named the VFW areawide winner. McBride also announced that Ava Lewis placed second in the Izard County Spelling Bee recently.

Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that Haylee Carrillo, Dustin Durham, Corey Rigdon, and Michael Shelton were selected to the All Region Band and Rigdon was also selected to the All Region Jazz Band. Harmon also commended Justus Cooper for making the Hurricane Classic All Classic Team and the boys' basketball team for performing well in the classic by beating Class 5A Pine Bluff and playing well against Class 6A North Little Rock and Class 4A Jonesboro Westside. The Cougars are currently 18-2 on the season.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

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Candace Killian, President

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Rhonda Moss, Secretary