

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

Time: 8:00 p.m.  
Date: January 20, 2020

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

Robert Reeves  
Julia Chapman

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The IZard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on January 20, 2020, in the IZard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed Robert Reeves and Julia Chapman absent.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019, regular meeting. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Candace Killian, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 5-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker discussed with the board the district's master facilities plan including a new track and field facility project. Walker told the board that the middle school and high school has over 60 students participating in track and field this year. Walker told the board that he had consulted with architect Andrew Hicks of Little Rock and financial advisor Michael McBryde of Stephens, Inc. about the feasibility of the district constructing a track and field facility. Walker recommended that the district proceed with plans to construct a track and field facility and employ Hicks to draw up the necessary plans to build the facility. Walker said this will allow for additional opportunities for our students.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to employ Andrew Hicks as an architect for the track and field project. Motion passed, 5-0.

Walker also announced that the high school had been selected to host the 1A State Baseball and Softball Tournaments this year by the AAA Board of Directors and was also selected to host the regional baseball tournaments as well. He noted that this will be the fourth time the high school has been selected to host state baseball and the third time to host state softball, in addition to hosting the state basketball tournament twice. Walker told the board that the high school was able to host these tournaments because of the large number of volunteers and sponsors who continue to support these tournaments.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to extend Superintendent Fred Walker's contract by one year through June 30, 2023. Motion passed, 5-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to appoint Mike McCandlis as Board President and Candace Killian as Vice-President due to the absence of Julia Chapman until she returns in March from Florida. Motion passed, 5-0.

Principal Billy McBride announced that the junior high quiz bowl team had qualified for the state tournament by finishing third in the regional and Allen Densford had been named as an All Star. McBride noted that the team had participated in a junior high quiz bowl camp and Densford was named to the All Camp team and Evan Cagle was on the winning team. Quiz Bowl coach is Charles Treat and he is assisted by Danielle Treat.

Assistant Principal David Harmon commended the senior boys' basketball team for finishing as consolation runners-up in the Beach Ball Classic in Myrtle Beach, SC. Harmon congratulated Justus Cooper for making the All-Tournament Team and Caleb Faulkner for making the finals of the three-point contest. Harmon also announced the high school's Esports Rocket League Team had placed in the top 16 teams in the state and won a match in the state tournament with a win over Centerpoint. Team members are Eli Johnson, Corey Rigdon, Dustin Durham, Keith Melton, and Noah Johnson. Jonathan Phillips is the coach of the Esports teams, and he is assisted by Scott Walker.

Assistant Principal Tim Massey commended the senior girls basketball team for their runner-up finish at the Northeast Arkansas Invitational Tournament and Abbi Marlin, Alli Marlin, Cassidy Coleman, and Allison Newman for making the All NEA Team. Massey also commended the junior girls basketball team for their runner-up finish in the Norfolk Invitational Tournament.

Elementary Principal Hatman also announced that five students placed in their respective divisions in the Hoop Shoot at Highland recently and two qualified for the state contest in Hot Springs. Keaton Melton and Brody Cottrell placed first, Megan McBride second, and Callie Skidmore and Caden Wiseman were third. Melton and Cottrell both qualified for state.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Candace Killian, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

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Mike McCandlis, President

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Danny Blankenship, Secretary