

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Meeting Place: High School Cafeteria

Time: 8:00 p.m.
Date: January 20, 2021

PRESENT

Position 1: Robert Reeves
Position 2: Danny Blankenship
Position 3: Julia Chapman (by Zoom)
Position 4:
Position 5: Debbie Moody
Position 6: Mike McCandlis
Position 7: Rhonda Moss

ABSENT

Dr. Candace Killian

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on January 20, 2021, in the Izard County High School Cafeteria.

Roll call showed Dr. Candace Killian absent.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020, 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 Danny Blankenship, to amend the 20-21 School Calendar to add 3 Digital Learning Days on February 24, 25, and 26. Motion passed, 6-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves, to extend Superintendent Fred Walker's contract by one year through June 30, 2024. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve increasing substitute pay to \$80 per day for unlicensed substitutes, \$90 per day for licensed substitutes, and \$48 per day for bus driver substitutes, effective January 4, 2021. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to employ Sarah Brotherton from January 11 to the end of the school year as a K-4 Virtual Teacher. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker announced that the high school had been selected by the AAA Board of Directors to host the 1A Region 2 basketball, baseball, and softball tournaments and the 1A state baseball and softball tournaments.

Walker also noted that all board members had received the six required hours of school board training this school year.

Principal Billy McBride announced that the district had been awarded a \$58,000 Career Education Grant to start an Emergency Preparedness Program beginning with the 2021-22 school year. McBride said the high school was one of only two schools selected in the state to begin this program. McBride said that Jared Humphrey will teach the Emergency Preparedness courses for the district.

Assistant Principal Tim Massey thanked the Corner Drug Store and Abby Everett and her staff for coming to both campuses to vaccinate our school staff recently. Massey noted that the junior high school is the host of the Junior High Regional Tournament Friday and the junior and senior high is participating in a virtual state invitational chess tournament Saturday. Massey also announced that Senior Night had been moved to the February 2nd games against Rural Special. Massey noted that Pee Wee basketball season was starting this Saturday.

Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that the high school had received a \$1500 state grant for the Shooting Sports Program (Isaac Blankenship) and also a \$1,000 Advanced Placement Grant (Danielle Treat) for our AP English class. Harmon said the district also received a \$6,000 GENYOUTH grant to help provide school meals to our off site students.

Elementary Principal Eve Hatman noted that the school district was recently recognized for having the most participants in the Northcentral Coop's Computer Coding Contest. Hatman noted that the district is providing coding at all grade levels this year.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis, President

Debbie Moody, Secretary