

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: July 14, 2022

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on July 14, 2022, in the Izard County High School Cafeteria.

Roll call showed all members present.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to appoint Rhonda Moss to the vacant board position.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022, regular meeting. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 6-0.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to move funds from the operating fund balance as necessary before the close of the 21-22 fiscal year. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the Cougar Stadium and Track and Field Complex construction project is on schedule for completion in August. Walker told the board he was very pleased with the performance of Tate Contractors and Architect Andrew Hicks on the project. He was Hicks is working on preschool plans and hoped to have plans finalized in the next 6 weeks so the project can be bid.

Mike McCandlis left the meeting at this time.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves, to continue to do business with Knockout, Inc. (Board member Mike McCandlis is the owner) because it is located in the school district and offers competitive prices. Motion passed, 5-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve the awarding the annual bids to the following: Sanitation – Ozark Waste Disposal, Pest Control – Knockout, Inc., Propane – Izard County Propane, and Milk – Kallsnick, Inc. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mike McCandlis returned to the meeting at this time.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to employ Marcy Udell as a junior high English Teacher, Jonathan Moore as a special education paraprofessional and bus driver, and Elizabeth Thomason as Medicaid clerk, for the 22-23 school year. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to add Elizabeth Thomason to the authorized bank list at FNBC. Motion passed, 6-0.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve transfer requests. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Walker also announced that the preschool had been awarded funding for 10 more slots by the state ABC program for this coming year, increasing the total number of preschool students to 40. He praised Preschool Director Samantha Johnson for working to get these extra slots funded. Walker commended Sarah Burns for coordinating the Afterschool Program, the Summer Academic Program, and the two ACT Prep Programs for the district. Walker said over 300 total students have attended the three programs in the past year and all the programs have been exemplary. Walker also commended Cafeteria Director Joann Shrable and Principal Billy McBride for coordinating the Summer Meal Program and all the school staff who have helped deliver 10 meals a week to 600 students all summer.

Elementary Principal Eve Hatman told the board that the elementary school had received a prestigious state STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) award from Commissioner Johnny Key as one of only four model STEM schools in the state and the only rural STEM school in the state. Hatman told the board that the district was adding Pre-K and grades 5-8 to the STEM program in the 22-23 school year and also adding a 7th and 8th grade robotics class. Hatman announced that Elementary Teacher Courtney Selph has been named one of two state finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

Principal Billy McBride announced that Xander McCandlis has been selected for the World Power Showcase Home Run Derby in Miami, Florida. McBride also announced that the school had recently put on a cheer camp with UCA Cheerleaders and it was a good camp.

Assistant Principal David Harmon said the ICC Athletic Golf Tournament had raised about \$12,000.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

Danny Blankenship, President

Julia Chapman, Secretary