

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

Time: 8:00 p.m.
Date: March 16, 2022

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Robert Reeves

Dr. Candace Killian

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on March 16, 2022, in the Izard County High School Cafeteria.

Roll call showed Robert Reeves and Dr. Candace Killian absent.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, regular meeting. Motion passed, 5-0.

Julia Chapman made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 5-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the Cougar Stadium and Track and Field Complex construction project is still on schedule to be completed in Spring 2022. Walker noted that the architect is working on plans to build a new preschool building on the elementary campus.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Julia Chapman, to re-employ all Licensed Staff who wished to return. Motion passed, 5-0. Dennis Thielemier is retiring at the end of the year.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to employ Ashley Sherrell as Middle/High School Science Teacher and Cross Country and Assistant Softball Coach and Mesa Barger as an elementary teacher. Motion passed, 5-0.

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Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to employ Carr Hill as Assistant Football Coach, Assistant Track Coach and High School English, EAST, and Robotics Teacher, Brody Ninemire as Assistant Football Coach, Baseball Coach, and Social Studies Teacher, and Amanda Thiel as a first grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Hill is currently an assistant football coach and English Teacher at Highland and he played college football. Ninemire played football in junior high and has extensive baseball experience including being a graduate assistant at Williams Baptist University, coaching the Mountain Home American Legion junior team, and playing college baseball. Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the addition of Hill and Ninemire finalizes the football staff for the 2022-23 school year with other staff to include Jared Johnson as Head Football Coach and Kyle McCandlis as Strength and Conditioning Coach in addition to his athletic director and head basketball coach duties. Walker said the district will have a varsity junior high team and a varsity senior high team for the 22-23 school year competing for conference and state championships in the eight man football classification. Walker says conference assignments will be released in March and he expects

some of the teams in ICC's conference to include Midland, Cedar Ridge, Rector, Augusta, and Brinkley. He also said that a non-conference 8 man opponent that could be scheduled is Mountain View.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to extend the contracts of 5-12 Principal Billy McBride, Elementary Principal Eve Hatman, and Assistant Principal David Harmon through June 30, 2024. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis left the meeting at this time.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to extend the contract of Athletic Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach Kyle McCandlis through June 30, 2024. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis returned at this time.

Walker announced that the district had been approved for a \$235,548.56 grant from the Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund to purchase 450 new chromebooks, 30 additional hotspots, and 36 laptops. Walker thanked Technology Coordinator Jonathan Phillips and Technician Stephan Payne for their work on this project.

Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that the IZARD County Junior High Quiz Bowl Team won the regional championship and Liv Washington was named Tournament MVP. He also noted the senior high quiz bowl team had placed fourth in the co-op tournament recently. He commended the junior girls, junior boys, and senior boys basketball teams for finishing conference runner-ups and the junior teams for also winning their district tournaments and the senior boys for placing second in the district tournament.

Harmon also announced the district has been awarded a \$50,000 Literacy Grant from Dollar General.

Principal Billy McBride commended Chase Chapman for winning the Farm Bureau Discussion Meet at the FFA sub area Leadership Development Event in Mountain Home. McBride also commended Jameson Chapman who placed 4th in FFA Creed Speaking, Gwen Stevens 4th in Prepared Public Speaking, Kelsi Williams 9th in the Job Interview Contest, and Gracie Wallgren who competed in the Discussion Meet. v

McBride announced that Allison Hatman won the IZARD County Spelling Bee and will represent IZARD County at the Arkansas State Spelling Bee on March 5 and that Alex Millington and Kennedy Manecke tied for second. v

McBride also announced that several FBLA students had won awards recently at ASU-Mtn. Home. Winners were Ruger Treadway – 2nd in Networking Infrastructures, Katelynn Johnson - 3rd in Agribusiness, Jacqueline Burckefeldt – 3rd in Human Resource Management. v.

McBride praised the school bowling team and coaches, Manda and Jeff Jackson, for having three state qualifiers and one alternate. Jesse Lawson 2nd, Emily Jackson 4th, Jacqueline Berckfeldt 6th, and Lilly Sanders alternate. McBride said the boys team placed 7th and the girls team 8th.

Elementary Principal Eve Hatman announced the following students placed in the Northcentral Co-op's Codify This! Computer Science Competition recently: Evan Cole, Gavin Williams, and

Brayden Treat 1st place in 4th-6th grade competition and Gunner Dover, Kannon McCandlis, and Charolette Treat – 3rd place in 1st-3rd grade competition.

Hatman also commended 5th grader Gavin Williams for having his story chosen by the Williams Baptist Theater department to be featured in their Story Store production at Ozarka College on February 22.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

Debbie Moody, President

Rhonda Moss, Secretary