

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: March 30, 2016

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

The IZARD County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on March 30, 2016, in the IZARD County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed all members present.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016, regular meeting. Motion passed, 7-0.

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

Kenny Morehead made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves, to re-employ all teachers for the 2016-17 school year who signed an intent to return. Motion passed, 7-0. Superintendent Fred Walker commended Elementary Teacher Velna Everett and Middle School Teacher Sarah Sherrell for their service to the district. Both are retiring this year. Velna has worked for the district for 26 years and Sarah Sherrell has worked for the district for 35 years.

Superintendent Fred Walker discussed the recent state basketball tournament hosted by the high school with the board. Walker said that AAA Executive Director Lance Taylor and AAA Deputy Executive Director Dr. Joey Walters had both attended the tournament and commended the district on how well the tournament was run and how well all the volunteers did their jobs. Walker commended all the volunteers for their hard work and long hours because the tournament couldn't have been run so smoothly without the help of so many volunteers.

High School Principal David Harmon announced that the shooting sports team had received a grant award of \$1770.53 for Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports from the Arkansas Game and Fish Wildlife Conservation Education Grant Program. Shooting Sports sponsor Wayne Neal applied for the grant for the school. Harmon also announced that the IZARD County High School Beta Club had been named a National Beta School of Merit for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. Elizabeth Cowan is the Beta Club sponsor.

Harmon commended the following ICC students for qualifying for a state award in the Laws of Life Essay contest held by the Arkansas Better Business Bureau: Callie Cole, Junaid Mir, Kennedy Wallis, Nancy Mkaabal, James Norton, and Dora Knezic. Harmon also commended several students for performing well at Academic Day at Lyon College. Michael Uecker – First in Physical Science; Bethany Simmons – Second in Physical Science; Benji Norton – First in Biology; Callie Cole, Honorable Mention in Biology; Junaid Mir – Second in Chemistry; Iskra Apaskova - Honorable Mention in Chemistry; Maura Thomason – Second in Algebra I; Bethany Simmons - Honorable Mention in Algebra I; Benji Norton – First in geometry; Lenise Byrd –

Second in Geometry; and Callie Cole – Third in Geometry; Junaid Mir – Third in Algebra II. Maura, Benji, Lenise, Callie and Junaid will compete in state completion on April 23rd at UCA. Charles Treat is the sponsor of the team.

Harmon noted that the senior high basketball teams had both finished in the Elite Eight in the state tournament and both teams broke the school record for wins in a season. The girls were 36-6 and the boys were 36-8. The girls were also regional champs and district runner-ups and the boys were regional runner-ups and district champs. Individual awards as follows: Senior Boys - Andrew Walker, Clay Mosley, Taylor Reynolds, and Coby Jones were named All Conference and All Regional; Walker was named All State and All State Tournament; Senior Girls – Kennedy Cooper, Jen King, Sam King, and Harley Thomason were named All Conference and All Regional; Cooper was named All State, All State Tournament, and regional MVP; Junior Boys – Caleb Faulkner, Coby Everett, Cole Wallis, and Dalton Dillard were named All Conference; and Junior Girls – Laney Rider and Maura Thomason were named All Conference. Kyle McCandlis is the head coach and Steven Walker assistant coach for the boys’ teams and Tim Massey and Rebecca Rider assistant coach for the girls’ teams.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride announced that the Choir had received a Superior rating in Sight Reading from the Northeast Arkansas Region Choral Director’s Association. Chelsea Phillips is the Choir Director. McBride also announced that the Junior High Quiz Bowl Team placed fourth in the regional and qualified for the state tournament. Charles Treat is the coach of the team.

Elementary Principal John Walker announced that the district had been selected as a host school for the 2016-2017 Teachers of Critical Languages Program. The American Council for International Education will provide a Mandarin Chinese teacher for the district for the 2016-17 school year at no cost to the district. Walker said that he had had written the grant proposal and he would work out the details of the grant with the ACIE.

Robert Reeves made a motion, seconded by Kenny Morehead, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

Debbie Moody, President

Danny Blankenship, Secretary