

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: March 30, 2017

PRESENT

ABSENT

Position 1: Robert Reeves
Position 2: Danny Blankenship
Position 3: Julia Chapman
Position 4: Candace Killian
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, 2017, in the IZARD County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed all members present.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Julia Chapman to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017, regular meeting. Motion passed, 7-0.

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

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the high school and middle school recently received eight "High-Achieving School" awards from the Office for Education Policy (OEP) at the University of Arkansas. The OEP creates an annual report entitled the Outstanding Educational Performance Awards, and IZARD County High School has won six "Beating the Odds" awards and IZARD County Middle School won two "Beating the Odds" awards. The "Beating the Odds" awards are given to schools who are serving a high percentage of students from low-income communities that are nevertheless reaching high levels of achievement. Awards are based on the OEP-created "school GPA," calculated on the basis of the percentage of students that perform at each level on the 2016 ACT Aspire Math, ELA, and Science. IZARD County High School won three statewide awards and three Northeast Regional awards in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, and Science and IZARD County Middle School won two Northeast Regional awards in Math and Science.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to accept the resignation of part-time High School Social Studies Teacher Rose Irvin after 36 years of service to the district. Motion passed, 7-0. Walker commended Rose for her many years of loyal service to the district and wished her well in retirement.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves, to approve the re-employment for the 2017-18 school year all licensed staff members who requested to return.. Motion passed, 7-0.

Rhonda Moss made a motion, seconded by Candace Killian, to approve transfers. Motion passed, 7-0.

Superintendent Walker commended the senior high basketball teams for their achievements this season. The senior boys made the state Final Four and were regional champs. They finished the season with a 35-10 record, tied for the second highest victory total in school history behind last

year's team. The senior girls were regional runner-ups and made the Sweet Sixteen in the state tournament. Taylor Reynolds, Justus Cooper, and Kennedy Cooper were named All State and All State Tournament. Reynolds, Justus Cooper, Kennedy Cooper, Tanner Brooks, Dallas Farmer, Jen King, and Sam King were named All-Conference. Kyle McCandlis is the boys coach and Tim Massey is the girls coach, assisted by Rebecca Rider. Both teams have qualified for the state tournament for four consecutive years.

High School Principal David Harmon announced that the high school had nine entries that placed in the top three in five categories of the Regional History Day Contest held recently at Jonesboro. Twenty-five Izard County students have qualified for the state contest to be held at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway on April 15. Winners include the following: Individual Exhibit - 1st – “Women Wrestlers” - Colten Hypes, 3rd – “Rosa Parks - Anjilyna Brashear; Group Website – 1st – “Muhammad Ali” - Brennan Worsham, Seth McCurley, Andy Norton, Zach Williams, and Rory Bell, 2nd – (tie) “Video Game Crash” - Ethan Shelton, Preston Grant, Shawn Burgelball, and Ethan Mohlke, 2nd – (tie) “D-Day” - Nathaniel Brown, Dillon Brown, Zeb Felton, Eli Johnson, and Dylan Simino; Individual Website – 1st – “Germany Atlantic Wall” - Zach Nohr; Group Documentary – 1st – “Nakita Khrushev” -Xenia Belicuic, Somon Boiboboed, Paulo Riviera, and Martin Korcak Group Exhibit – 2nd – Harriet Tubman” - Shelby Herring and Kalea Taylor, 3rd – “Thomas More - Leea Tuck and Dalton Dillard. Sponsors are teachers Elizabeth Cowan, Scott Walker, and Rose Irvin.

Harmon also announced that Izard County High School had won seven awards at Academic Day at Lyon College recently. The winners included Lenise Byrd (2nd - Biology, 3rd - Algebra II), Ashlynn Billingsley (2nd - Life Science), Callie Cole (3rd – Chemistry, 2nd – Algebra II), Benji Norton (1st – Algebra II, 2nd - Physics). There were over 170 students competing in the contest. Charles Treat, Rachel Faulkner, and Tammy Roberts are the school sponsors.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride announced the school play titled “Izard County’s Got Talent,” will be April 13 at 6 p.m.

Rhonda Moss made a motion, seconded by Julia Chapman, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

Rhonda Moss, President

Candace Killian, Secretary