

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

Time: 8:00 p.m.
Date: November 17, 2021

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: Rhonda Moss

The IZard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on November 17, 2021, in the IZard County High School Cafeteria.

Roll call showed all members present.

Julia Chapman made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed, 7-0.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 7-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Julia Chapman, to approve the employment of After-School Program staff, retroactive to November 1, at the following hourly rates: Coordinator - \$35 per hour; Tutors - \$30 per hour; bus drivers \$37.50 per day; paraprofessionals - \$20 per hour; and security - \$20 per hour. Motion passed, 7-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the district began its After-School Program for PK-8th grade students on November 1 and we currently have 115 students in the program. Walker said the program is funded by a \$150,000 renewable grant and students are provided a healthy meal and expanded learning opportunities that support academic, social-emotional, and physical development after school each day until 5 p.m. He added that the program is at no cost to the students and transportation home is provided.

Walker told the board that the district had been approved to use ESSER funds to build an addition to the preschool building on the elementary campus and the school architect was working on plans for the addition. Walker said the addition will double the size of the current facility.

Walker announced that the Cougar Stadium and Track and Field Complex construction project was still progressing on schedule for completion in the spring.

Middle/High School Principal Billy McBride announced that Jameson Chapman, Skyler Thomas, and Kannon Wright had been selected All-Region Choir. McBride commended Abbie Gilbert and Paislee Hightower for their 8th and 9th place finishes in the Sr. Girls division and Jan Machady, Tyler Hill, and Noah Stevenson for placing 4th, 5th, and 8th, respectively in the Conference Cross Country Meet. McBride also congratulated the junior girls basketball team for winning the Bill McCurley Invitational Tournament recently.

Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that the School Choir had performed at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Horseshoe Bend. He said Choir Director Chelsea Phillips took 80 choir students and the students did an excellent performance to honor our veterans.

Elementary Principal Eve Hatman announced that the district's STEM activities were going well and that the elementary school was collaborating with Oaklawn Magnet School in Hot Springs on STEM activities using Zoom. Hatman announced that all third graders had received free shoes from NAEC again this year and she told the board how appreciative the school and the students are to NAEC and this great program.

Hatman also announced that the Intramural Basketball Program for grades 1-6 was going well and 126 students are participating this year. Hatman told the board that the Fall Festival raised \$13,400 this year for student activities.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve the bids from Nevco for a scoreboard and Southern Bleachers for bleachers. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve transfers. Motion passed, 7-0.

Robert Reeves made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed, 7-0.

Debbie Moody, President

Rhonda Moss, Secretary