

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: October 11, 2021

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Danny Blankenship

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on October 11, 2021, in the Izard County High School Cafeteria.

Roll call showed Danny Blankenship absent.

Horseshoe Bend Mayor Craig Huckaby spoke to the board and said he was committed to re-starting the Student of the Month program beginning in January. He said the COVID-19 Pandemic had postponed this program for a while. Mayor Huckaby told the board that he felt this program had been very beneficial to the district and the Horseshoe Bend City Council and he wanted to continue with programs that help foster a good relationship between the city and the district. Superintendent Walker commended Mayor Huckaby for his work with the district and its students.

Rhonda Moss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed, 6-0.

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

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve the Annual Financial Report and 21-22 Annual Budget. Motion passed, 6-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve school transfers. Motion passed, 6-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to approve the 2020-21 Annual Financial Report and 21-22 Annual Budget. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the district has been selected as one of 44 recipients statewide for a \$150,003 grant from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Arkansas Out of School Network initiative through Arkansas State University. The funding for the grant comes from the federal American Rescue Plan/Elementary and Secondary Education relief money. Superintendent Fred Walker said, this grant will allow the district to be able to implement additional learning opportunities for our students. The district has also pledged its support for this new initiative by providing \$75,000 in district funds in addition to the grant funds. Walker told the board that the district will begin an after school program for ICC students for Preschool through 8th grade, at Izard County Elementary School in Violet Hill, beginning November 1st. He said the program will start after school and go until 5 PM each day,

Monday - Friday. He said students will be provided with a healthy snack and expanded learning opportunities that support academic, social-emotional, and physical development. Walker added that the program will be at no cost to the students and transportation will be provided.

Walker announced that the Cougar Stadium and Track and Field Complex construction project was still on target to be completed in the spring and that dirt work is continuing and concrete walls and footings have been poured recently.

Walker also told the board that the district's free and reduced percentage for the October 1 report was 81% and the district was up 31 students currently from last year's report. Walker said the district's free and reduced percentage would qualify the district for a State funded Recruitment and Retention Teacher Bonus in the 22-23 school year.

Middle/High School Principal Billy McBride announced that the boys' golf team had won the 1A state golf tournament recently for the fourth time. He said Denton Reiley was the medalist with Landon McBride 4th and Elijah Wilkes 6th. McBride said Reiley qualified for the overall state golf tournament and Reiley, McBride, and Wilkes were named All State and All Conference.

Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that the Bad Boy Basketball Classic would be held October 18-22 this year. Harmon also announced the Kailey Moss Memorial Scholarship Chili Supper had raised \$4,000 this year and he wanted to thank everyone who helped or contributed to the chili supper.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

Debbie Moody, President

Rhonda Moss, Secretary