

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: October 20, 2022

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 October 20, 2022, in the Izard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed all members present.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2022, regular meeting. Motion passed, 7-0.

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

Superintendent Fred Walker gave a construction update to the board. He said Cougar Stadium has been completed and the parking lot had been recently paved and striped. Walker announced that construction of the new 4,566 sq. ft. Preschool Building at the elementary campus would start soon. Construction Manager for the project is Tate Contractors, Inc., and the Architect is Andrew Hicks. The project will be funded by using ESSER ARP funds.

Walker also told the board that the proposed classroom addition projects at both campuses have been approved for consideration to receive Academic Facilities Partnership Program funding in the 2023-25 cycle by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities. Walker said the district would be notified in May, 2023, if the district will receive Partnership funds this coming year for the classroom addition projects.

Robert Reeves made a motion, seconded by Dr. Candace Killian, to approve the employment of Elementary personal care paraprofessional Deborah Diaz. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve approved using ESSER ARP funding to meet the state legislature recommended employee bonus amounts of \$5,000 to teachers, \$2,500 for classified employees, and \$1,250 for part-time classified employees to be paid in two installments during the 22-23 school year. Employees employed on September 21, 2020, will receive half the funding in November; the other half will be paid in May to qualified employees. Motion passed, 7-0.

Dr. Candace Killian made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to move the payroll date to the 25th of each month, beginning in November. Motion passed, 7-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship to the 5% Salary Increase List. Motion passed, 7-0.

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

Principal Billy McBride commended the Cougar football team for their success this season in their first varsity season. The team is 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the conference and has clinched a postseason state playoff berth. McBride also announced that our Rocket League Esports Team of Chris Densford, Lane Mohlke, and Lucas Berchter is competing in the Rewired Fest at Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville this weekend. Jonathan Phillips is the Esports coach. Assistant Principal David Harmon announced that FFA Show Team members Makeylyn Wood (3rd in Commercial Heifer), Faith Crider(3rd in Market Steer and Pee Wee Showmanship), Shawn Bryson (4th in Commercial Heifer), Chase Chapman (4th in Exotic Class), and Rylee Wood (5th in Exotic Class) competed at the State Livestock Show his week. Assistant Principal Sarah Burns announced that the district had received three more grants recently, totaling \$34,390. Burns said the high school agri program received a Perkins Innovation Grant for a Deskjet Water Cutter System, the middle school STEM program received a Perkins Innovation Grant for a Hydroponic System, and the district received a Health Screening and Emergency Response Grant for student health screenings, AED training equipment, and additional Stop the Bleed kits.

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

Danny Blankenship, President

Julia Chapman, Secretary