

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: September 14, 2015

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 September 14, 2015, in the IZARD County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed Kenny Morehead, Mike McCandlis, and Rhonda Moss absent.

School administrators gave reports at the beginning of the meeting for the Annual Public Meeting. Superintendent Fred Walker said that the current enrollment in the district was 502, up 22 from last year. Walker noted the district had an increase in state funding this year of approximately \$61,000 in NSLA and ALE categories and a recent bond refunding resulted in a savings by the district of over \$100,000. Walker also reported the district had received a \$20,000 Computer Science Initiative Grant this year. In addition, he announced that the district had purchased three school buses, two 66 passenger buses and a 14 passenger bus for use this school year.

High School Principal David Harmon reported that the district had added one new staff member this year, Becky Rider. Rider will teach PE and Health, coach girls pee wee basketball, and assist with the junior and senior girls basketball and softball teams. Harmon also announced that the high school's seniors ACT scores had exceeded state and national averages in all categories again this year. He noted the high school was offering two new courses this year: Essentials of Computer Programming, taught by District Technology Coordinator Steven Walker, and Human Body Systems, taught by Biomedical Sciences Instructor Rachel Faulkner. Harmon said the high school was also offering distance learning courses in Spanish, College English I & II, and AP U.S. History. He said ICC was again named to the *U.S. News and World Report's* List of America's Best High Schools as a Bronze Award winner.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride announced that the ICC Intramural Basketball program for grades 1-6 had begun and there were over 110 participants from the middle school and elementary school for the six nights of basketball in September. McBride also said the district had started a new program for area youth on weekends, the Tri-County Basketball Academy. He said that 45 girls and 42 boys were participating in the program from around the area. The coaches for the academy are Tim Massey, Kyle McCandlis, Becky Rider, David Harmon, Steven Walker, and Billy McBride.

Elementary Principal John Walker reported on district test scores and the gifted and talented program.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve the Annual Financial Report, the Annual Budget, Preschool, and Special Education Budgets for the 2015-16 school year. Motion passed, 6-0.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve a resolution to approve a post-dated warrant for \$107,000 for the purchase of three school buses. Motion passed, 4-0.

Julia Chapman made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015, regular meeting and the August 26, 2015, special meeting. Motion passed, 4-0.

Julia Chapman made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 4-0.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Robert Reeves, to approve school transfers in and out of district. Motion passed, 4-0.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Danny Blankenship, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed, 4-0.

Danny Blankenship, President

Debbie Moody, Secretary