

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: September 8, 2014

PRESENT

Position 1:
Position 2: Danny Blankenship
Position 3: Julia Chapman
Position 4: Kenny Morehead
Position 5: Debbie Moody
Position 6: Mike McCandlis
Position 7: Rhonda Moss

ABSENT

Robert Reeves

The Izard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on September 8, 2014 in the Izard County High School Board Room.

Roll call showed Robert Reeves absent.

The Izard County Consolidated School District conducted its Annual Meeting to the Public with reports from Superintendent Fred Walker, High School Principal David Harmon, Middle School Principal Billy McBride, and Elementary Principal John Walker. Superintendent Walker noted the district's enrollment was 486, up 12 from the same time last year. Walker noted that the district had just completed a pavement repair project at the middle school and high school parking lots and had purchased Chrome Books for use for all students in grades 5-12 this fall. Walker also noted that the district has up-to-date facilities at all campuses with no asbestos in any building.

Elementary Principal John Walker gave the following report. New staff this year includes Teresa Harvell as a fourth grade teacher and Nancy Farmer as part-time district parent involvement facilitator. Teresa has 31 years' experience, all with the Batesville School District. According to the ESEA Preliminary Report, Izard County Elementary scored 77.78% in Literacy, .05% higher than the 2014 AMO. The elementary scored 68.25% in math, 16.52% lower than the 2014 AMO, giving the elementary an overall status of Needs Improvement. In order to meet the AMO in literacy, we will continue to teach comprehensive literacy, challenge students in their reading and writing, and keep parents informed in the newsletters. We will also host a literacy night October 16th.

In order to meet the 2015 AMO in math, we plan to provide 45 minutes of intervention 3 days a week in grades K-4 (math/literacy). Teachers will also pull small groups after math lessons to intervene with students as well as develop enrichments for students needing a challenge. We are preparing students to take the PARCC assessment this spring by giving assessments in math on the computer. The school will host a math night for students and parents explaining the advantages to common core and giving insight to their child's classroom this spring. Teachers also send home weekly newsletters communicating the skills the students are learning each week.

Middle School Principal Billy McBride gave the following report. Izard County Middle School has had a wonderful start to the 2014-2015 school year. Our attendance is up about 15 students from this time last year. Sarah Taylor and Lee Melton are new hires this year. Sarah is teaching 5th grade math and social studies and 7th grade social studies. Lee is teaching 6th grade math, social studies, and literacy. We have received our yearly benchmark scores. In math, our students were at 55.1% proficient. This puts us in the needs improvement category in math. Each year our goal is to achieve our annual measurable objective (AMO) which was 75.3% this year in math. In literacy, we were at 66.4% proficient. This was just below our AMO of 76.4%

which also puts us in the needs improvement status. We have started many programs this year which will improve our test scores and help us reach our AMO for this year. First, we have purchased Chromebooks for use by all students in each classroom. This technology will be used to prepare our students for the new PARCC assessments this spring. We are also continuing MDC, our math program we began last year. This program incorporates math problem solving in the classroom through mathematical lab activities. We are also working on our planning with a new program called Understanding by Design (UbD). We are sending a team of teachers to four in-services this year to help implement this program.

High School Principal David Harmon gave the following report. IZARD County High School has hired three new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. Tim Massey has been hired as EAST Lab Coordinator and Events Coordinator. Rachel Faulkner has been hired as a high school science teacher and Biomedical Sciences instructor. Scott Walker has been hired as Social Studies teacher and Career Orientation instructor. IZARD County High School was declared a needs improvement school in math and literacy and an achieving school in graduation rate. Our graduation rate was the 4th highest in the state. In literacy our students were 70% proficient. This was an improvement but fell short of our AMO of 76.6% proficient. In math we were at 74.1% proficient which fell just short of our AMO of 77.2%. Each year our goal is to achieve our Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) which is set by the state. Each year this objective moves a little higher. This year we have purchased Chromebooks for use by all students to help implement the new PARCC testing which will occur this spring. We have also become a Project Lead the Way school. Our Biomedical Sciences program has been funded through a federal grant of over \$75,000 which will be used to prepare our students to follow a career in the growing field of biomedicine. This will also benefit our students in their ability to perform on state mandated standardized tests and the ACT.

Debbie Moody made a motion, seconded by Mike McCandlis to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 regular meeting. Motion passed, 6-0.

Danny Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Moss, to approve the financial report. Motion passed, 6-0.

Julia Chapman made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to employ Nancy Farmer as part-time Parent Involvement Facilitator for the 2014-15 school year. Motion passed, 6-0.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Debbie Moody, to approve the work release requests of the seniors who submitted a request. Motion passed, 6-0.

Kenny Morehead made a motion, seconded by Julia Chapman, to approve the transfer requests to Salem. Motion passed, 6-0.

Superintendent Fred Walker announced that the IZARD County Master Gardeners were having their second annual conference in the Fine Arts Complex on September 13th and the proceeds from the event would go to the Kailey Moss Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mike McCandlis made a motion, seconded by Kenny Morehead, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed, 6-0.

Julia Chapman, President

Rhonda Moss, Secretary