

**MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MARCH 9, 2021**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in their regularly scheduled session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m.

President Schmidt called the meeting to order and Clay Sloan offered the prayer.

MINUTES

Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

President Schmidt moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher gave board members an update on the baseball/softball fields. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board of the roof project progress. Superintendent Belcher stated plans to repair gas lines on the elementary campus. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board of winter storm damage campus wide.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. Joe Penn moved to approve payment of the bills. Doyne Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports.

President Schmidt appointed Doyne Davis and Vickie Mitchell to the Commencement Speaker Committee.

Superintendent Belcher presented for approval the 5 Freedom of Choice applications for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the applications as presented. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the board approve the purchase of a used bus. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year for approval. Doyne Davis moved to approve. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a resolution to approve the employee disclosure forms for a two-year period. Clay Sloan moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented President Brittany Schmidt with a Master Board Member award honoring her for 50 hours of board training with the Arkansas School Board Association. He also presented Pat Roby an award from the association for 30 years of board member service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00p.m. President Schmidt called for the Board to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

At 6:10p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board rehire Principal Jacob Kersey, Principal LeaAndra Foster, and Assistant Principal Jason Belcher for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the board table rehiring the certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year. Doyne Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Terrie Ponder, Special Education Teacher. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the employment of Alyssa Nichols, Special Education teacher with the stipulation of certification. Superintendent Belcher also recommended Ms. Nichols be approved to tutor and work for Paw Patch/Vacation Station. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the recommendations. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ summer school teachers, Stacy Rice and Natalie Wallin. Clay Sloan moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ ACT summer teachers, Becky Robinson, Jerry Haynes, and Judith Holland. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

In Other/ Miscellaneous business, the Board received activity calendars.

At 6:30p.m. Pat Roby moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next meeting of the Lawrence County School Board was set for April 14, at 5:00p.m.

Clay Sloan, Secretary