

**Minutes
Lawrence County School Board Meeting
July 11, 2017**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00p.m.

President Ingram called the meeting to order and offered the prayer.

Superintendent Belcher presented the June minutes for Board approval. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

President Ingram moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher informed the Board that the summer projects were in the process of being completed. He informed the Board of the change in the trash pickup policy.

Superintendent Belcher presented the bills for approval. Vickie Mitchell made a motion to approve payment of the current bills. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports for the District.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 school year for approval. Pat Roby moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item of New Business was to elect Terry Belcher as Ex-Officio Officer. Joe Penn moved to elect Terry Belcher. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item of New Business was to elect Leslie Burgin District Treasurer. Clay Sloan moved to elect Leslie Burgin. Brittany Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve a transfer student. Joe Penn moved to approve the transfer. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the following high school student handbook policy changes:

- Reduce the maximum number of unexcused absences allowed per semester to receive credit from (10) to (7).
- Add a policy that a student cannot be an honor graduate if at any point in his/her high school career they have been denied credit in a course(s) due to excessive absences (beginning with the Class of 2021)
- Omit policy disallowing restaurant food at lunch (providing it is delivered by students' parents)
- Add policy on electronic devices during state testing(recommended by ADE)
- Add Alternative Education class description (required)

Superintendent Belcher recommended these changes be added to the Walnut Ridge High School 7-12 student handbook for the 2017-2018 school year. Clay Sloan moved to approve the changes. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented the Board with the following elementary student handbook policy changes:

- Required date changes
- Page 11, omit sentence; Kindergarten grades are a reflection of a state checklist of basic skills (obsolete)

Superintendent Belcher recommended these changes be added to the Walnut Ridge Elementary School P-6 student handbook for the 2017-2018 school year. Clay Sloan moved to approve the changes. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented a required Cafeteria Charge Policy for approval. Greg Gill moved to approve the policy as presented. Brittany Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to purchase a used bus from Central Bus Sales for \$71,000. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher presented an offer from the Lawrence County Cooperative School in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase the remaining property of the Black Rock School. Joe Penn moved to accept the offer as presented. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

At 5:20p.m. President Ingram called for Executive Session.

At 5:30p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Jessie King, Special Education teacher. Clay Sloan moved to accept the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ DeAnna Steele, Special Education teacher, with the understanding she complete all the requirements for certification. Vickie Mitchell moved to accept the recommendation. Clay Sloan seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Heidi Rutledge for the high school secretary position. Brittany Schmidt moved to accept the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Pam Wilcoxson as the in school suspension facilitator. Greg Gill moved to accept the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Other/Miscellaneous Business Superintendent Belcher discussed the scheduling of the next school board election. The next Board meeting was scheduled on August 8th at 5:00p.m.

At 5:45p.m. Greg Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Brittany Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Vickie Mitchell, Secretary