

**Minutes
Lawrence County School Board Meeting
March 17, 2014**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in their regularly scheduled session on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the board room of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m. Keith Brand and Greg Gill were not in attendance.

President Terry Kelley called the meeting to order and offered the prayer.

John Householder moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Ingram second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

President Kelley moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher informed the board that testing would take place the week after spring break. He also stated that we had teams in the finals of the Lawrence County Peewee tournament and wished them luck. Mr. Belcher informed the board that he had retained Donn Mixon, Attorney of Law.

The next item was New Business. Joe Penn moved to approve payment of the bills. Ron Ingram second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Brackett Krennerich opened sealed bids for the Community Center Roof project. The bids were as follows:

Bailey Contractors Inc Base Bid \$293,897.00
Ramson's Construction Company Base Bid \$243,891.00
Jonesboro Roofing Base Bid \$302,570.00

Superintendent Belcher recommended the board accept the lowest bid by Ramson's Construction Company. Joe Penn moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. John Householder moved to second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

President Kelley appointed John Householder and Keith Brand to the Commencement Speaker Committee.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the changes to the school calendar for the current school year due to the inclement weather days contingent on the waiver approval from the Arkansas Department of Education. John Householder moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the audit for the district to the board members for review.

At 6:05 p.m. President Kelley called for the Board to go into Executive session.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Steve Prestidge on the Black Rock campus. Joe Penn moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Ron Ingram second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Terry Rorex on the Black Rock campus. Pat Roby moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Marilyn Craig on the Black Rock campus. John Householder moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to accept the retirement of speech pathologist, Marilyn Hogan on the Walnut Ridge campus. Ron Ingram moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Melissa Franklin on the Black Rock campus. John Householder moved to accept Mr. Belcher's recommendation. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher recommended the board not renew the contract of Travis Fleming for the head boy basketball coaching position, but to offer a contract for assistant pee wee football coach/pee wee basketball coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Ron Ingram moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher recommended the board non renew the 240 day contract and the .5 secondary principal stipend of Lori McKenzie, but offer a contract to teach 6 periods of English, and to work the remainder of the day as the ALE director. Ron Ingram moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the board with the a list of non-certified employees who will have a contract change from a 185 day 8 hour a day contract to a 178 day 7 hour a day contract. The following non-certified employees were presented for approval. Libby Callahan, Sarah Gott, Sarita Hart, Sharon Lamb, Ruby Ludwig, Debra Meeks, Sandra McCormic, LaDonna Nunally, Jennifer Roberts, and Terri Stevens. Ron Ingram moved to approve the changes as presented. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent recommended the following certified employees not be renewed. The reason is due to the recommended closing of the Black Rock campus, resulting in force or RIF to eliminate excess staff members. Tracy Ballard, Kristy Bateman, Kim Brown, Heather Dickson, Karen Evans, Stephanie Hampton, Marcia Martin, Ella Massey, Kimberly McFall, Desiree McNeely, Jamie Pattin, Sherry Shafer, Grant Smith, Tashena Tate, Bobby Whitener, and Sandy Wilson. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent recommended the following non-certified employees not be renewed. The reason is due to the recommended closing of the Black Rock campus, resulting in force or RIF to eliminate excess staff members. Tammi King, Desirae Meeks, Christina Pickett, and Jean Sloan. Ron Ingram moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board rehire Jacob Kersey as Walnut Ridge High School Principal. Joe Penn moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board rehire Lee Ann Cheadle as Walnut Ridge Elementary Principal. Joe Penn moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the list of certified teacher for rehire to the board. Joe Penn moved to rehire employees as presented. Ron Ingram second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher presented the list of non-certified employees for rehire to the board. John Householder moved to rehire employees as presented. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval

Mr. Belcher recommended the board hire Katie Lewis and Nikki Dawson as Childcare workers. Ron Ingram moved to accept the recommendation. John Householder second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Belcher recommended the board hire Laurie Stebbins as a cafeteria/custodial substitute for the district. Pat Roby moved to accept the recommendation. Joe Penn second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

In Other/ Miscellaneous business the Board was given activity calendars. Mr. Belcher informed the Board that Parent Teacher Conferences were scheduled on Thursday, March 20.

At 7:00 p.m. Joe Penn moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Roby second the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

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

John Householder, Secretary