

**MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 17, 2023**

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's Office at 5:00pm. Joe Penn was not in attendance.

Superintendent Belcher called the meeting to order and Vickie Mitchell offered the prayer.

MINUTES

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

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent Terry Belcher called for nominations for school board officers.

Brittany Farmer made the motion to elect Vickie Mitchell, President. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Brittany Farmer made the motion to elect Greg Gill as Vice President of the board. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Pat Roby made the motion to have Vickie Mitchell continue as the authorized check signer. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Pat Roby made the motion to elect Brittany Farmer as board secretary. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mitchell moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Belcher updated the Board on the plans for the upcoming athletic and employee banquets.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. Superintendent Belcher presented the bills for approval. Greg Gill moved to approve payment of the bills. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the transfer of students into the district from Greene County Tech. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the transfer of students out of the district to the Pocahontas School District. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the Freedom of Choice applications to the Lawrence County School District. Greg Gill moved to accept the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Fair Labor Standards Act Affidavit. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Special Education Assurances. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the Aceone website contract. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the upgrade. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive session at 5:54 p.m. for the purpose of personnel issues.

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

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Chris Harper, high school teacher. Greg Gill moved to approve the resignation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Tonda Brand, GT Coordinator. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Coach Shane Duncan. Brittany Farmer moved to accept the resignation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Ginger Atkinson, Elementary Teacher. Brittany Farmer moved to accept the resignation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Jennifer Andrews as ESL/Math Interventionist for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Tralee Ellington as the mid-level literacy teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements

be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Courtney Smith as the high school history teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Leslie Rutledge as the special education teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Cameron Priest as elementary counselor for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Susan Ashlock as GT coordinator for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Kristy Nichols as an elementary teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Jessica Luttrell as an elementary teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Hannah Morgan as an elementary teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Brittany Farmer moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Morgan Stone as an elementary teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Drew Meyer as a coach for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Belcher stipulated all requirements be met for licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended Tommy Ford be assigned high school driver's education teacher. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended Joey Rice be employed as a ½ time bus route driver for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Lural Williams and Elizabeth Carter as paraprofessional aides for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Greg Gill moved to approve the motion. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board employ Henrietta Williams and Shelly Milgrim as Vacation Station Workers for the summer. Greg Gill moved to approve the recommendation. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the Board approve the employment of Weston Whited and Keaton Scott, summer workers for the district. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Greg Gill seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Belcher recommended the following coaching assignments for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year:

Jeff Blake-Assistant Basketball

Blake Coffman-Jr. Boys' Baseball

Joe Fisher-Assistant Boys' Baseball

Vanessa Hufstedler-Assistant Volleyball, Jr. Softball

Sarah Moore-Head Softball

Isaac Middlebrooks-Assistant Softball

Will Weir-Assistant Jr. Softball

Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20 at 5:00 p.m. Greg Gill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Brittany Farmer seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Brittany Farmer, Secretary