

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 15, 2021
Early Childhood Center
Reorganizational Meeting 5:30
Closed Session-immediately following
Open Session – 6:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President
Scott Perkins, Vice-President
Kim Grayson, Treasurer

Tana Booker, Member
Jason Evans, Member
Kevin Green, Member
Rebecca Sackman, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:48 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present.
- II. Motion made by Kim, and second by Jason to approve the April 15, 2021 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion made by Jason, and second by Kim to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021.1 (Legal), Section 610.021.3 (Personnel Matters-hiring, firing, promoting), and Section 610.021.13 (Personnel Records). Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, Jason-yea, Kevin-yea, and Rebecca-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:33 p.m. to begin regular open session. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Public Comment – none.
- VII. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion made by Scott, and second by Tana to approve the consent agenda items. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- VIII. Reports:
 - A. Steelville Organization of Staff – No report given.
 - B. MSBA report – Jason Evans touched on certain House bills. House bill 902 would move school board elections from April to November. MSBA is concerned that such a move would make school board elections more expensive and insert party politics into a non-partisan, volunteer board. House bill 543 establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools. MSBA does not support this. House bill 320

changes provisions relating to elementary and secondary education and House bill 441 changes the laws regarding the consequences to a political subdivision for failure to file an annual financial statement with the State Auditor.

- C. Principals report – Reports were given to the Board. Mr. Vetter did add that our Art students that participated at the GVC art show won 1st place as a whole. Our students that competed at the GVC math contest won 1st place as a whole as well. Graduation is planned for March 23rd. The Board suggested to Mr. Vetter that there should be no restrictions but have masks available. Mrs. Billingsley added that three teams placed at the State Science Olympiad.
- D. Director of Learning – Mr. Hammonds reported that he is reviewing four new Math curriculum programs for the Elementary. He hopes to be presenting to the Board soon on what he would like to recommend. He is preparing for EOC and Map testing. The EOC requirement for math has been cancelled, so therefore ten more students qualify for A+.
- E. Superintendent report - Mr. Whittaker reported that we currently only have 10 students quarantined. Covid-19 numbers have been much better.

IX. Previous Business:

- 1. Facilities Update – Mr. Whittaker let the Board know that before he leaves he would like to concentrate on the playground. There is \$79,000 designated for it and he would like to add some more funds to it out of Fund 4. The high school band room needs to be made handicap accessible.

X. New Business:

- 1. FY 22 Budget Development Update – Mr. Whittaker reported that he is currently working on the budget and hopes to have it completed before he leaves. Right now, his focus has been on the salary schedules. Mr. Whittaker provided the Board with some basic information about how an increase in salary will impact the budget in the years to come. He advised them that we need to make some significant changes to our salary schedule moving forward. It was the consensus of the board that we need to make those changes during the 2021 - 2022 school year. Mr. Whittaker will be working on new salary schedules this month and hope to have a proposal ready for the board in May. He anticipates that our salary schedule will be competitive with Cuba and Bourbon in the years ahead.
- 2. Motion made by Jason, and second by Tana to approve the FY22 calendar. All members voted yes on said motion.
- 3. Resource Officer Position for FY22 Update – Mr. Whittaker reported that our Resource Officer resigned from the City and he is no longer here. Mr. Whittaker recommended that we don't continue the contract with the City at this time. He suggests that we take a step back and evaluate what we need to do for the future as far as a Resource Officer. All board members agreed that is would be a good idea to take a step back to reevaluate. Mr. Whittaker said he would let the City know.

