

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 18, 2021
Early Childhood Center
Open Session – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Session to Follow

Tim Mullen, President
Scott Perkins, Vice-President
Sylvia Payne, Treasurer

Tana Booker, Member
Jason Evans, Member
Kim Grayson, Member
Justin Strong, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:38 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Tana Booker absent.
- II. Motion made by Jason, and second by Justin to approve the March 18, 2021 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021.3 (Personnel Matters-hiring, firing, promoting) & .13 (Personnel Records). Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Sylvia-yea, Jason-yea, Kim-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:30 p.m. to begin regular open session. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Tana Booker and Justin Strong absent.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Public Comment – No public comment.
- VII. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Jason 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 – MSBA representative and Board Member Jason Evans reported that Senate Bill 55 stalled out on the Senate floor. The MSBA Regional Meeting will be held in Belle on March 29, 2021 from 6-8:30 p.m. Board Members should contact Mr. Whittaker if they would like to attend.
 - C. Principals – handouts given to Board. Elementary Principal Candice Richter added that she has been working with Matt Hammonds on Math curriculum. She is excited to move forward with that. The Super Kids program for K-2 has been great for the students. The teachers are loving it.
 - D. Director of Learning – Mr. Hammonds reported that he will be reporting to the Board at a later date on program revision. He is wanting to implement a three-year cycle on current programs. He just finished having some professional

development days with teachers and paraprofessionals on the continuous improvement process. These different days were held at Bass'. Mr. Hammonds felt it was very well received. MAP testing will be coming up soon. Guidelines are a little different this year. There will be an 84% level not determined. Level not determined means students that do not test. If a student gets is put on this list, they will have to test in the fall. Those students in Cardinal Academy will have to come on campus to test. Mr. Hammonds also reported that MAP testing does not count for MSIP.

- E. Athletic Director – Josh Booker reported how great the High School Basketball Boys and Girls teams have been this school year. Great kids and coaches. Both boys and girls teams won Districts and our girls basketball team went on to win 3rd place at State. There was great community support here in town and at the away final games. Friday, March 19th the boys and girls basketball teams will be cutting down the nets at the high school in celebration of winning Districts. There were four all conference basketball players on the boys and girls teams. MVPs for the conference were Chase Cottrell and Sydney Booker. Spring Sports are underway, Baseball, Softball, Track, and Golf. It's going to be a fun Spring season for those sports.
- F. Superintendent report - Mr. Whittaker reported that the COVID-19 vaccination was offered to our staff on Tuesday, March 16th. There were around 20 staff members that got their first shot. There will be a calendar presentation at the April Board Meeting. Steelville R-3 School District won the Business of the Year award. The school district did hire a company to help us with the CSIP. The company will be here on September 15th and 16th and September 29th and 30th. This will help guide us on where we want to go in the next 3-5 years.

IX. Previous Business:

- 1. Facilities Update – Mr. Whittaker spoke again to the Board about funds and that we have around \$350,000 left in our capital projects fund and it is time for the Board to start thinking about moving forward on more projects. We also have \$79,000 set aside for a new playground. Mr. Whittaker added that we will add some funds to this so that we can make a really great playground for the MS and EL. He told the Board that we used the ESSER 1 money (around \$293,000) on Technology and Adam Craghead's position as Technology Coach. ESSER 2 money will be coming, which will be a little over one million dollars. The Board will need to be thinking about where these funds need to be spent. A few ideas are HVAC and salaries. Also, do we utilize this money towards what we have already spent. Mr. Whittaker also wants the Board to be thinking about the Track and Baseball Fields. The contract with the City will be up in about a year. Does the School District renew with the City or do we do something different? Board Vice-President, Scott Perkins asked Mr. Whittaker what are our alternatives. Do we look at the high school to build a track, our town campus, or buy some land to build a new track. Mr. Whittaker thinks it would probably cost more to build a whole new track than fixing the track at the Park. Mr. Perkins thinks we need to figure out our relationship with the City first, whether or not we stay. Mr. Perkins expressed his concern for the amount of students we have at the park for softball, baseball, and track practices and there are no nice restrooms for the kids to change. Mr. Perkins said it would be nice to compare a new facility versus repairing what we already have. This would give us a better financial view and then decide what would be best for our District. Mr. Whittaker let the Board know a roofing company came a few weeks ago to make some repairs to the Central office roof and high school and middle school roof. The Central office is

going to need a new roof within the next two years. We have a lot of projects but I think the first focus needs to be the Park. Mr. Whittaker said on the current track, our maintenance department is fixing existing cracks. School Board President, Tim Mullen asked the Board to come back to the April Board Meeting with how we want to prioritize our projects.

X. New Business:

1. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to approve the Annual Amendment to the Food Service Management Contract. All members voted yes on said motion.
2. Motion made by Sylvia, second by Jason to approve the bid for Lawn Service to Greathouse Lawn Service. All members present voted yes on said motion.
3. Motion made by Sylvia, second by Jason to set the Next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, April 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m. for closed session and 6:30 p.m. for open session. All members present voted yes on said motion.
4. Motion by Sylvia, second by Scott to set a Special Closed Session Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Evaluations

XI. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Sylvia-yea, Jason-yea, and Kim-yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date