

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting

October 17, 2019

Early Childhood Center

Closed Session – none

Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President
Tana Booker, Vice-President
Sylvia Brown, Treasurer

Scott Perkins, Member
Kim Grayson, Member
Jason Evans, Member
Justin Strong, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:34 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present with the exception of Scott Perkins, Jason Evans, and Justin Strong.
- II. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Tana to approve the October 17, 2019 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. No Public Comment.
- V. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion made by Tana, and second by Sylvia to approve the consent agenda items. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- VI. Reports:
 - A. Steelville Organization of Staff - none
 - B. Food Service report – none
 - C. MSBA report – none
 - D. Principals report – Principals were not present due to Parent Teacher Conferences. A printed report was provided to the Board.
 - E. Athletic Director report - none
 - F. Director of Learning report – Matt Hammonds gave the Board provided a handout that provided a DCI Initiative Update. He explained each section of the handout with the Board. Board Member, Kim Grayson told Mr. Hammonds she was very pleased with the direction he is moving with the improvement plan.
 - G. Superintendent report - Mr. Whittaker reported that the APR is out but may change once science scores are posted. Once fully out we will be able to compare ourselves with other schools. He also reported that our ADA is up five students from last year at this time. Last year we were at 930 and this year we are currently at 935.
- VII. Previous Business:
 1. Facilities Update – Jack Mentick from Integrity Engineering was here to give the Board an update on the demolition on the old Middle School/High School, Elementary Gymnasium Construction Schedule, and preliminary plans of the

new Elementary School entrance. Mr. Mentick said the contractor of the demolition project is almost finished repairing the Elementary cafeteria wall that was damaged. The Elementary cafeteria is planned to reopen soon, but not the Art Room. The area where the old Middle School/High School was will soon be fully filled in with rock. The one-inch minus rock will be put on as the final coat of rock. The contractor plans to have this all completed by the end of October. Mr. Mentink went over the Elementary Construction schedule with the Board. Mr. Mentink also went over with the Board the preliminary plans of the new Elementary School entrance. Mr. Mentink told the Board he will need final approval of the Elementary School entrance as soon as possible, so that he can move forward with preparing final plans. Mr. Whittaker told Mr. Mentink he wanted to get some more verification on room sizes and make sure each room is the correct size that we need.

VIII. New Business:

1. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to approve the 2019-20 tuition rate as \$7300. All members present voted yes on said motion.
2. Motion made by Kim, and second by Tana to award the bid for custodial supplies to Terri Lea. All members present voted yes on said motion.
3. Motion made by Tana, and second by Sylvia to approve the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Plan. All members present voted yes on said motion.
4. Motion made by Tana, and second by Sylvia to adopt the model compliance local Special Education Plan through DESE as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
5. Tom Weisel Sewer Easement Request: Tom and Jan Weisel were not present but provided a handout to the Board seeking a 30 ft. easement. The Board discussed and also received input from Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering. The Board will need to decide if this is something they want to consider. Mr. Mentink told the Board if they do consider this easement then he would suggest them approving it to be on the side by the Meramec Music Theatre.
6. School Volunteers: Mr. Whittaker is working on putting together a plan regarding school volunteers. Regulations have become stricter, so we have to have a better plan in place to be in compliance with these new laws. Right now, no volunteer can be left alone with a student or a group of students. Only the teacher can be alone with them and if there are volunteers the teacher has to be present at all times. There are background checks that have to be performed and on many occasions there are a couple of different ones that we need. Mr. Whittaker hopes to have a better plan in place soon.
7. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Tana to set Next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, November 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m. for close session and 6:30 p.m. for open session. All members present voted yes on said motion.

- IX. Motion made by Tana, and second by Sylvia to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Tana-yea, Sylvia-yea, and Kim-yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

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