

## MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting

September 18, 2019

Early Childhood Center

5:30 p.m.

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Open Session – 6:00 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 5:30 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present with the exception of Justin Strong.
- II. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Scott to approve the September 18, 2019 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion made by Tana, and second by Scott to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session for Section 610.021.1 (Legal) and Section 610.021.3 (Personnel). Tim-yea, Tana-yea, Sylvia-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, and Jason-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:33 p.m. Tim Mullen, President presiding. All members present with the exception of Jason Evans and Justin Strong.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. No Public Comment.
- 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 - none
  - B. Food Service report – Megan Thebeau, Director of Nutrition for Opaa introduced herself to the Board and reported that this school year is off to a great start. She has gotten a lot of positive feedback.  
Jason returned at 6:37 p.m.
  - C. MSBA report – Kim Grayson reported on the MSBA’s Board Report that touched on the Governor’s Task Force on School Safety. The Taskforce reported that our schools are overwhelming safe places for our children to learn and grow but also identified some areas that could be improved for students and staff, with communication being one of those strong areas to be improved. The taskforce is

looking at ways to improve communication between agencies from the state to local levels to improve our children's safety.

Kim also reported that beginning this school year, every board member will now have to complete an extra hour of training on top of their already required training.

- D. Principals report – Elementary Principal, Candice Richter reported that her building has had several hurdles to overcome due to the demolition of the old MS/HS. The staff has been amazing adjusting to the changes. PE is now in the motor lab, lunch is in the multipurpose room, and the computer lab and art classes have been taken to the classrooms. The motor lab has been a great tool for students. The lab has sixteen stations and every station focuses on a different motor skill. Grades K-4 are using the lab. Mrs. Richter spoke about the new Elementary Counselor, Avery Lough. She is doing an amazing job and has introduced some great new ideas. The Elementary hopes to implement Student of the Quarter beginning 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

Middle School Principal, Stephanie Billingsley reported that middle school cross country teams are off to a great start and even though it has been hot, the athletes have run well. Smart goals are being rolled out at PLC meetings. The PBIS team has now implemented Tier 2 to help focus more on behavior issues. A new tutoring plan has been implemented for after school. Mrs. Billingsley hopes this will help more with those students really struggling.

High School Principal, Steven Vetter reported that the volleyball team and cross country teams are both off to a great start. The band will be marching in Sullivan on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and they will be wearing their new uniforms. Smart goals are being worked on at PLC meetings. Some new equipment, such as a digital microscope and 3D printer are some of the highlights at the high school.

- E. Athletic Director report - none
- F. Director of Learning report – Matt Hammonds reported that the focus has been on zoning in on instruction, continuous learning, and learning targets. The focus has also been on setting three or four goals and really focusing in on that first goal. One task has been for teachers to place their learning target on their board to see every day and achieve. The Administrative Team has been meeting and creating a professional development plan for our staff and focusing on how to teach our staff how to write appropriate learning targets.
- G. Special Education Director report – Christy Cornick is working on all schedules with teachers and making sure everyone has a good plan for their students.
- H. Superintendent report - Mr. Whittaker reported that this year we have to go out for Food Service bids and we usually do that around November or December. Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> is a staff PD workday. Hutcheson Ford will be providing bagels for our staff.

IX. Previous Business:

1. Facilities Update – Mr. Whittaker reported that the demolition of the old MS/HS is getting close to being completed. Rock will soon be bought in to start filling in the section where the old building was. Once the demolition is complete, the entry way will begin being worked on and it is our plan to display memories of the old MS/HS inside the entry way. Ideas will be discussed as that time approaches.
2. MSBA Policy Update 2019B (I,D) – Mr. Whittaker asked the Board to review the policy updates that he had emailed them and at next month's Board Meeting they can be discussed and approved.

- X. New Business:
1. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Scott to award the bid for the New Elementary Gymnasium Project plus ADD Alternates to Septagon Construction Company, Inc. All members present voted yes on said motion.
  2. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Jason to set Next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, October 17, 2019, 5:30 p.m. for close session and 6:30 p.m. for open session. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- XI. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Tana-yea, Sylvia-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, and Jason-yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Board President

Date

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Board Secretary

Date