

**MINUTES  
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 24, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Chris Brandon at 5:34 P.M., Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in the Elementary Library. Board members present: Kelley Killian, Chris Brandon, Buster Branscum, Jennifer Brickell, and new member Sharon Lane. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present.

**PRAYER** – Mr. Skidmore offered Prayer

**U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MISSION STATEMENT** – Jennifer Brickell

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chris Brandon moved to adopt the agenda as amended by removing item 12B – COVID Policy and adding a new item 13A - Elect Board Officers and move all others items down. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Chris Brandon welcomed all visitors to the Board Meeting. Visitors present: Jessica Moser, Chelsie Moss, Anita Nordrum, Bailey Whiteaker, Tabitha West, and LaDonna Franks.

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Kelley Killian made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular April 25, 2023 meeting. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL BILLS**

Jennifer Brickell moved to approve the April bills. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Brandon moved to accept the treasurer's report. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Skidmore mentioned to the board that he applied for a Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Project – Cohort 7.

**OLD BUSINESS**

12A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 Licensed Salary Schedule presented by the Licensed PPC. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

13A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to elect board officers. Jennifer Brickell nominated Chris Brandon to remain as School Board President. Buster Branscum seconded the nomination. Buster Branscum nominated Jennifer Brickell as the School Board Vice President. Kelley Killian seconded the nomination. Chris Brandon nominated Kelley Killian as the School Board Secretary. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve all nominations presented. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13B. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to deduct 2022-2023 employee and their children charges owed to the district from their June paycheck. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13C. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to renew the land lease for \$1.00 a year with Thomas Rushing for purposes of Trap Shooting. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13D. Chris Brandon made a motion to table the preschool playground equipment until the June 2023 meeting. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris Brandon called for a break at 7:05 PM. Regular meeting resumed at 7:08 PM.

13E. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Cindy Whitfield as a preschool paraprofessional pending passing the paraprofessional test or providing documentation of qualifications. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Amber Harness as a special education paraprofessional pending passing the paraprofessional test or providing documentation of qualifications. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Amber Hicks as a special education paraprofessional pending passing the paraprofessional test or providing documentation of qualifications. Buster Branscum made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13F. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept the retirement of Merle Tibbitts with regrets. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept the resignation of Virginia Broadus with regrets. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept the resignation of Alex Skidmore with regrets. Buster Branscum made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13G.Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Steven Wade Pittman as the new Maintenance Supervisor and Bus Driver. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13H. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept the alternative calendar based on minutes for the 2023-2024 school year presented by the licensed PPC. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13I. Mr. Skidmore presented the proposed classified salary schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept the proposed classified salary schedule and present it to the Classified Personnel Policy Committee. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13J. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to adopt the Licensed Personnel Policies: 3.1 – Licensed Personnel Salary Schedule, 3.6 – Licensed Personnel Employee Training, 3.38 – Licensed Personnel Responsibilities Governing Bullying, and 7.17.2 Non-Discrimination in Food Service Programs, as policy presented by the Licensed PPC. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13K. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to adopt the Classified Personnel Policies: 8.26 – Classified Personnel Responsibilities Governing Bullying and Sick Leave Bank Policy, as policy presented by the Classified PPC. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Elementary Library.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jennifer Brickell made the motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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President

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Secretary