

MINUTES
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Rex Whitfield at 5:30 P.M., Monday, January 27, 2020, in the Superintendent's Office. Board members present: Chris Brandon, Jennifer Brickell, Jay Knight and Rex Whitfield. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent was also present. Patty Conyers was absent

OPENING PRAYER – Mr. Jerry Skidmore

U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MISSION STATEMENT- Jay Knight

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rex Whitfield made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Brickell. The motion carried.

VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rex Whitfield welcomed all visitors. Visitors present: Chelsie Moss, Jessica Moser, Kim Thomas, Mindy Woods, and Rich Fischer.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jay Knight moved to approve the minutes of the December 2019 regular meeting. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER BILLS

Chris Brandon moved to approve the December bills. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rex Whitfield moved to accept the treasurer's report. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Jerry Skidmore

Mr. Skidmore mentioned to the board that he attended the Superintendent's Symposium in December where Governor Asa Hutchison was a guest speaker. Governor Hutchison discussed several different topics.

Mr. Skidmore stated that Arkansas received a \$38 Million grant for reading.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned that 9,800 students are enrolled in coding classes. That is 22% more than the previous school year.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned that high-speed internet is being deployed in rural areas. Governor Hutchison believes we are behind in this process.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the T-21 Law which will make it illegal for people to vape until they are 21 and removes flavors from the market.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the Half-Cent Hwy tax that could affect schools and prisons. If the “Highway Tax” is not supported, the tax will disappear and the schools and prisons will lose funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Classified PPC presented the results of the stipends vote. A majority vote had to be in favor of the stipend increase to be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. A majority of the classified staff were in favor of the stipend increase with a vote of twenty-six for the stipend increase for the 2019-2020 school year. Rex Whitfield made a motion to approve the stipends to be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried. The stipend increase will be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

13a. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept a transfer request from a student to attend Norfolk School District. Jay Knight made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13b. Mr. Skidmore mentioned the Statement of Financial Interest Forms that were in the Board Packets need to be filled out and returned as soon as possible. More Skidmore will be taking these forms to the IZARD County Clerk by January 31, 2020. No action needed on this item.

13c. Mr. Skidmore presented the annual training hours for each board member received during 2019. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept the annual training hours. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13d. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the Board Resolution Facilities Master Plan for Local Support. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13f. Rex Whitfield called for an Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. Regular meeting resumed at 7:28 P.M. Mr. Skidmore called for an Executive Session at 7:29 P.M. Regular meeting resumed at 7:53 P.M. Chris Brandon made a motion to extend Superintendent Jerry Skidmore’s contract for 1 year through the 2020-2021 School Year. Rex Whitfield seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Superintendent’s Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Knight made the motion to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approved: _____ (Date)

President

Secretary