

MINUTES
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Chris Brandon at 5:34 P.M., Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the High School Library. Board members present: Jay Knight, Chris Brandon, Kelley Killian, Jennifer Brickell and Rex Whitfield. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chris Brandon moved to adopt the agenda as amended by adding items 13C – Discuss Covid Policy and 13D – Hire Bus Driver. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chris Brandon welcomed all visitors. Visitors present: Kim Thomas, Anita Nordrum, and Chelsie Moss.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY BILLS
TREASURER’S REPORT

Rex Whitfield moved to approve the February 2021 Minutes, February Bills, and Treasurer's Report as a consent agenda. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the district would receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III/CARES) funding.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned he was looking into summer school due to the loss of learning.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned he would like to have a Professional Learning Coordinator (PLC) for K – 2nd grades and 3rd – 6th grades.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned he was watching House Bill 1614 and House Bill 1371 closely.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the district has to turn in a Virtual Learning Plan for school year 2021-2022 by May 1, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

13A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve April 19 and April 26 as virtual days for the district. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13B. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the following Act 1599 Resolutions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jerry Skidmore-Izard County Medical Center. Mr. Jerry Skidmore left the room at 6:05 PM. Rex Whitfield made the motion to approve this resolution. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Jerry Skidmore returned at 6:06 PM.

Chris Brandon-Arkansas Department of Corrections and Izard County Medical Center. Chris Brandon left the room at 6:06 PM. Jay Knight made the motion to approve this resolution. Rex Whitfield seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chris Brandon returned at 6:07 PM.

Jay Knight- BRHS Hometown Clinic and BancorpSouth. Jay Knight left the room at 6:07 PM. Chris Brandon made the motion to approve the resolution. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jay Knight returned at 6:08 PM.

Rex Whitfield – Mitchell’s Park Street Pharmacy. Rex Whitfield left the room at 6:08 PM. A motion was made by Kelley Killian to approve this resolution. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rex Whitfield returned at 6:09 p.m.

13C. Mr. Skidmore mentioned that Governor Asa Hutchinson lifted some of the mask mandates put on schools and left it strictly up to the districts in Arkansas to make a decision to stay with their current policy or to modify it. After much discussion, Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation he would like to continue with current policy for the remainder of the school year. Rex Whitfield made a motion to continue with current policy. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13D. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire David Hodges as a bus driver. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Elementary Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Knight made the motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approved: _____ (Date)

President

Secretary