

MINUTES
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Chris Brandon at 5:36 P.M. on Monday, July 17, 2023 in the Elementary School Library. Board members present: Chris Brandon, Buster Branscum, Sharon Lane, and Jennifer Brickell. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present. Kelley Killian was absent.

OPENING PRAYER - Mr. Skidmore offered the opening prayer.

U. S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MISSION STATEMENT – Buster Branscum

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chris Brandon moved to adopt the agenda as amended by adding 13I – Hire SRO. Motion seconded by Jennifer Brickell. The motion passed.

VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chris Brandon welcomed all visitors. Visitors present: Anita Nordrum, Bailey Whiteaker, Rich Fischer, and Chelsie Moss.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Jennifer Brickell moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JUNE BILLS

Sharon Lane moved to approve the June bills. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Buster Branscum moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Skidmore informed the board that we have a pending resignation.

Mr. Skidmore informed the board that the prisoners have been working at the preschool.

Mr. Skidmore informed the board that he is the current NAESC Board President.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

13A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the Elementary and High School Handbook Policy Changes as well as ASBA Model Policy updates and the Master Schedule. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13B. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to assign appointment as follows: Anita Nordrum - Equity and Advanced Placement Coordinator; Connie Moser - English Language Learner and 504 Coordinator; Stephanie King – High School Homeless Liaison; Mike Mason - Federal Programs Coordinator; LaDonna Franks – Foster Care Liaison, Elementary Homeless Liaison, and Elementary Safe and Drug Free School Coordinator; Melissa Cooper – High School Safe and Drug Free School Coordinator; Carson Gibson – Learning Recovery/PLC Coordinator; Susan Cowgill – Parent Center Facilitator. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13C. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Holly Gilbee as a Probationary Music/Choir/Band Teacher. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13D. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept the resignation of Jandel Stapleton with regrets. Buster Branscum made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13E. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the Little Pirates Preschool Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year presented by Preschool Director Abbey Orf. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13F. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to transfer up to \$100,000 dollars from the operating fund to the building fund per Act 1105. Sharon Lane made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13G. Sharon Lane made a motion for Mr. Skidmore to call and verify questions concerning the propane bids and award the bid to the lowest bid as long as there are no hidden fees. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jennifer Brickell made a motion for Mr. Skidmore to call and verify questions concerning the gas/diesel bids and award the bid to the lowest bid. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal Anita Nordrum asked for clarification on a high school handbook policy. After discussion, Jennifer Brickell made a motion to amend the hat policy to read that students may wear hats before and after school, in the hallway, and during lunch. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13H. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the Family and Community Engagement Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13I. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Shawn Hellums as our second School Resource Officer (SRO). 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, August 21, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Elementary School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Brickell made the motion to adjourn at 6:51 P.M. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approved: _____
(Date)

President

Secretary