

**MINUTES**  
**CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**August 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Chris Brandon at 5:33 P.M. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Elementary Cafeteria. Board members present: Buster Branscum, Sharon Lane, Kelley Killian, Jennifer Brickell, and Chris Brandon. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present.

**OPENING PRAYER** - Mr. Skidmore offered the opening prayer.

**U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MISSION STATEMENT** – Jennifer Brickell

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chris Brandon moved to adopt the agenda as amended by adding 13H – Student Improvement Plan. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Sharon Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular July 17, 2023 meeting. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris Brandon made a motion to approve the special called August 03, 2023 meeting. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF JULY BILLS**

Sharon Lane made a motion to approve the July bills. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Chris Brandon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the snack price increased at the preschool.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned that the main entrance to the high school has been painted.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned that he would like to update the board agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

13A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to set the 2024 Senior Graduation for May 10, 2024 with the senior slideshow beginning at 6:30 P.M. and the graduation ceremony beginning at 7:00 P.M. Kelley Killian made a motion to set the 2024 Senior Graduation for May 10, 2024 with the senior slideshow beginning at 6:30 P.M. and the graduation ceremony beginning at 7:00 P.M. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13B. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to coincide the Annual Public Meeting with the regular October 2023 School Board Meeting to immediately follow. 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 accept Mrs. Amber Hicks and Mr. Dale (Chip) McDonald's resignations with regrets. Sharon Lane made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13D. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the following Act 1599 Resolutions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sharon Lane – Cadence Bank, First National Bank of IZARD County, IZARD Regional Hospital, and Baxter Regional Health System Hometown Clinic at Calico Rock. Mrs. Sharon Lane left the room at 6:26 PM. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Mrs. Sharon Lane's resolution. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mrs. Sharon Lane returned at 6:27 PM.

Cindy Whitfield – Whitfield Pest. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Cindy Whitfield's resolution. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom Rushing – Lease of Land. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Tom Rushing's resolution. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Holly Gilbee – Holly Maria Clothing Company. Kelley Killian made a motion to approve Holly Gilbee's resolution. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Amber Harness – White Way Tire and Lube. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to approve Amber Harness's resolution. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13E. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve a student transfer from Norfolk. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13F. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Jessica Moser as an afternoon bus driver. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13G. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Robin Harris as the high school facilitator and make it retroactive to August 16, 2023. 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 approve the (SIP) Student Improvement Plan. Buster Branscum made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm in the Elementary Library.

Chris Brandon called for executive session at 6:53. Regular meeting resumed at 7:19 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chris Brandon made the motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

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President

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Secretary