

**MINUTES
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 25, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Chris Brandon at 5:33 P.M., Monday, March 25, 2024, in the Elementary School Library. Board members present: Chris Brandon, Jennifer Brickell, Sharon Lane, Kelley Killian, and Buster Branscum. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present.

OPENING PRAYER – Mr. Jerry Skidmore

U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MISSIONS STATEMENT – Sharon Lane

VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY BILLS

TREASURER’S REPORT

Chris Brandon moved to adopt the agenda as amended by adding 10F – Gym Access and 10G – Hire Distance Learning Facilitator. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris Brandon moved to accept the agenda as amended, approve the February 19, 2024 minutes, February bills, and Treasurer’s report as a consent agenda. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Skidmore mentioned that it is Holy Week and the local Methodist church will provide lunch to the community this week.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the Arkansas Department of Education has approved the district’s early start date waiver.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned the big tree by the Elementary was removed during Spring Break.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned Mr. Steve Hutton from Hutton Chevrolet donated \$3,000 dollars for the district to use at its discretion.

OLD BUSINESS

9A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the Licensed Personnel Policies: 3.19 – Licensed Personnel Employment, 3.28 – Licensed Personnel Technology Use Policy, 3.28F – Licensed Personnel Employee Internet Use Agreement, 3.31 – Drug Free Workplace – Licensed Personnel, 3.34 – Licensed Personnel Cell Phone Use, and 3.56 – Licensed Personnel Parental Leave as policy presented by the Licensed PPC. Chris Brandon made a motion to approve Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – abstain.

9B. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve the proposed change in the school calendar by dismissing school April 8, 2024 due to the solar eclipse. Kelley Killian made a motion to approve the proposed change in the school calendar by dismissing school April 8, 2024 due to the solar eclipse. Sharon Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

10A. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to approve an approximate \$39,121.98 technology purchase to upgrade the district’s Wi-Fi systems. Kelley Killian made a motion to approve Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10B. Mr. Skidmore and Ms. Bailey Whiteaker presented calendar survey results to the board. After much discussion, no action taken.

10C. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept an increase to the nurse’s sub daily rate of pay to \$17.00 dollars per hour for the remainder of the school year. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to approve Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10D. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to accept Brooklyn Wood’s resignation with regrets. Kelley Killian made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10E. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Alli Marlin as the district school nurse. Chris Brandon made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Kelley Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10F. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to purchase a gym access system to use at the old gym for high school student athletes. Jennifer Brickell made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore’s recommendation. Buster Branscum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10G. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Virginia Pharis as the High School Distance Learning Facilitator. Buster Branscum 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, April 22, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Elementary Library.

Chris Brandon called for Executive Session at 7:24 P.M. Regular meeting resumed at 8:33 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Lane made the motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Chris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approved: _____ (Date)

President

Secretary