

**Fouke School Board  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
January 25, 2021**

The Fouke School Board met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021, 7:30 p.m. at the Fouke Administration Office.

President Drew Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other members present were Robert Patterson, Cory Easley, Vince Coker, John Attaway, Debbie Smith, and Brian Stout.

Brian Stout led in prayer.

Drew Chandler welcomed guests and visitors.

Motion was made by Cory Easley, seconded by Debbie Smith to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

- Approval of Minutes (December 14)
- Board Member Training Hours (All members received required training hours for 2020.)
- Fixed Asset Deletions (7635, 7636, 7637, 7639, 7640, 7641, 7642, 7644, 7645, 7646, 7647, 7648, 7694, 7695, 7696, 8029, 8116, 8865, 9047, 9182, 9671, 9679)
- Expulsion of student #5679 for one full calendar year

Dr. Jim Buie:

- 31 vaccinations were given to staff members by College Hill Drug. School employees that didn't receive the vaccination last week may take his/her name badge to the pharmacy to get vaccinated.
- The Health and Wellness Center has a steady stream of patients. The clinic is open until noon on Monday and all day Thursday. COVID testing and quarantines are continuing.
- Work is beginning on excavation project and fencing at the baseball field.
- Dr. Buie will have the Master Plan submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The District had a clean audit.
- Bright Star bids will be opened on February 18.
- Virtual high school students core classes have been moved to Virtual Arkansas classes.
- Virtual speech seems to be going well. The speech therapist is from Fayetteville, AR. Approximately twelve students have met program goals and have exited the program.

PPC chairman Dawn Robinett addressed the board. She had previously emailed board members expressing teachers concerns regarding COVID leave. Dr. Buie stated the Federal government issued Cares Act money to schools throughout Arkansas and was given a list of 5 priorities for how money could be spent. At the same time Commissioner Keys and Governor Hutchinson were encouraging schools to continue COVID leave with this money. However, superintendents are not being encouraged to use the money for COVID leave. Superintendents had a two hour webinar on uses of the federal money in which the priority was not COVID leave. When the question was asked, "Can you use the federal money for COVID leave?" the answer was, "You can, but should you?"

Dr. Buie reported on the financial condition of the district.

Motion was made by Vince Coker, seconded by Robert Patterson to approve financial statements and payments of bills. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Debbie Smith, seconded by Vince Coker to adopting Policy 8.23.1- Classified Personnel COVID Emergency Leave and Policy 3.32.1 Licensed Personnel COVID Emergency Leave as a proposed policy. The policy will be retroactive to January 1, 2021. It will involve a ten (10) business day time period for the statutory PPC review process to occur. Motion carried 7-0.

The board went into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to resignations and hiring.

The board returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m. and Drew Chandler, President, called the meeting back to order.

Motion was made by Vince Coker, seconded by Robert Patterson to accept personnel recommendations as presented in executive session. Motion carried 7-0.

Resignation for retirement of Sheila Gutierrez as cafeteria worker effective December 18, 2020.

Resignation for retirement of Carlene Liles as elementary principal effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Hire Cierra Nowlin as cafeteria worker for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by Robin Cutchall.

Motion was made by Debbie Smith, seconded by John Attaway to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes recorded by:

Sherry Pilgreen

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Board President

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Board Secretary