

MINUTES BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Frazier convened the regular meeting of the district Board of Education. Board members present were, Ms. Boone, Mr. Hartsfield, Mr. Moore, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Milner. Ms. Whitaker was absent. School administrative personnel present were Dr. Guess, Mr. Tietz, Mr. Webb, Ms. Sanders, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Branch, Dr. Johnson, Ms. Davis, Ms. Williams and Mr. Hayden. The press was not in attendance.

Mr. Frazier asked for a moment of silence for Coach Thurman Shaw.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes. The minutes of the last regular meeting were unanimously approved 6-0 on a motion by Mr. Reynolds and a second by Mr. Milner.

Financial Statement. Dr. Guess presented the financial statement for the month of November, reporting \$2,276,547.46 in revenue and expenditures of \$1,426,943.31 in the non-activity funds, leaving an ending balance of \$7,630,330.81. Dr. Guess stated the revenue was inflated due to property taxes this month. The board voted 6-0 to approve the district financial statement for the month of November as presented on a motion by Mr. Milner and a second by Mr. Hartsfield.

NEW BUSINESS

Appreciation. Students from Ms. Rideout's 5th grade class expressed their gratitude and shared a brief overview of what they experienced while on a field trip to the orchestra. Ms. Boone congratulated them on their presentation. Mr. Frazier thanked the class for coming to share.

School Improvement Update. Linda Davis gave an update for the elementary schools. She stated they were working on the curriculum with Solution Tree and ADE. The teachers went to workshops, completed a learning walk through, and are having collaborative team meetings. 97% of 2nd graders cannot read on grade level, so the district is using RTI to help with this and we are seeing growth. We are doing afterschool tutoring for around 160 students. Dr. Guess stated the state gave the district money to use to help with our areas that need improvement. Dr. Guess stated we are looking at students who may have to be retained and will be sending out letters to the parents after Christmas

break to show where their child stands. Mr. Frazier highly commends the district to retain students who are not ready to move forward.

Kristy Sanders gave an update for the secondary schools. She stated they revised the school improvement plan, are having building leadership meetings and creating improvement strategies for areas of weakness. Ms. Wilson has developed a mentoring program for Act 1240 teachers or teachers that are struggling. They are checking grade books, have a word of the week, and they are working on teacher attendance. In grades 7-9 only 23% of students are reading on grade level. She stated they need a reading teacher. The secondary will start after school tutoring in January. Mr. Reynolds asked if they needed more help during the day and Ms. Sanders stated that a critical reading class would help and students would be able to get credit for it. Mr. Frazier asked about vo-tech and computer programing. Ms. Sanders stated not many students are taking advantage of these.

Kerri Williams gave a district wide update. She gave an update on DOJ and stated they were pleased with the progress the district was making. DOJ still had a few concerns about punitive punishment for a level 1 offense. She stated the district went from 1,020 write ups to 630. More is being handled in the classroom with the teachers help. Mr. Frazier thanked all who presented and for their hard work.

PPC REPORT & CPPC

The PPC presented a report of concerns for certified staff. One concern was the snacks that were being served in the cafeteria. Dr. Guess stated the cafeteria only serves snacks that are approved by the USDA.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Frazier recognized two students for signing with colleges for baseball. He stated six WCSD students are on the mayor council. He stated WCSD ROTC participated in the holiday parade.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Guess received a letter of resignation from Monica Shaw. The board needs to consider employing 1 Substitute Bus Aide.

1. Vera Rideout as a Substitute Bus Aide

On a motion by Ms. Boone and a second by Mr. Reynolds, the board voted 6-0 on the personnel recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Guess stated we are entering into winter weather, but we are getting prepared. The ASBA meeting starts Wednesday.

Mr. Frazier thanked the staff for their hard work and wished them a happy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT 6:55.

Respectfully submitted by, Dr. Jerry Guess and Norma Walker.

Mack Milner,
Board Secretary