

**CHARLESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2024**

The Charleston Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Chad Keener, Mr. Jeff Hayes, Mrs. Lauren Robinson, Mrs. Michele Schmitz, and Mr. Brian Verkamp. Also present were Mrs. Melissa Moore, Superintendent; Mr. Shane Storey, High School Principal; Mrs. Rachel Fisher, Middle School Principal, Mr. Bruce Womack, Elementary School Principal, and Mrs. Angie Haney, Federal Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist.

Mr. Brian Verkamp established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m..

Mr. Brian Verkamp announced the board would go into executive session at 5:31 p.m.. After returning to regular session at 7:05 p.m., the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to add one year to Mrs. Moore's contract for the 2026-27 school term, as well as approve the superintendent's contract addendum. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the resolution is attached to the original board minutes.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the December 18, 2023 Regular Minutes
- B. Approval of the Period Six 2024 Financial Statement
- C. Resolution Authorizing the District to Request a Wavier

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported the projected bus grant funding is \$19,625 [Bus #16]. \$58,875 represents the district's cost share. A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to transfer \$58,875 from the Building Fund (3200) to Operating Fund (2001) for the December 2023 purchase of a school bus, with this transfer pending approval of the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN). Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to approve the quote from Mid-West Bus Sales as presented for the sum of \$78,500. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the quote is attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Melissa Moore presented the Board Member Training Report for calendar year 2022. A copy of the report is attached to the original board minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to approve contract addendums as presented for Judy Hicks, Josh Underwood, and Melinda Wisdom. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of each addendum is attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Angie Haney provided three points of data used in the Performance Targets for the superintendent's contract. A copy of the data is attached to the original board minutes.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Board Appreciation Month
- B. County Spelling Bee, January 24
- C. Statement of Financial Interest, Due January 31
- D. JR BB District Tournament, February 3, 5, and 8
- E. SR BB District Tournament, February 12-17
- F. Regional Basketball Tournament, Feb 21-24
- G. Transfers:
 - a. Jordyn Roberts, Attending Charleston
 - b. Amelia Fitzgerald, Attending Charleston

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to employ Sommer Leonard, LPN Position, retro-effective January 4, 2024, with compensation of \$25,340, prorated based on number of days worked for the remainder of the year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to employ Raegan Oldridge, Long-term Substitute, retro-effective January 4, 2024 through the remainder of this school year, with compensation of a beginning teacher salary per district policy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Secretary

