

**CHARLESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2023**

The Charleston Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.. Members present were: Mr. Jeff Hayes, Mr. Chad Keener, 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; Mrs. Susan Brown, Federal Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist; Mrs. Rita Gramlich, District Treasurer, and Mrs. Angie Haney, Assistant Federal Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist.

Mr. Brian Verkamp established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson for officers and meeting time/day/location to remain the same. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Mr. Brian Verkamp, President
- B. Mr. Jeff Hayes, Vice-President
- C. Mrs. Michele Schmitz, Secretary
- D. 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- E. 125 West Main, Charleston, AR

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to approve a resolution as presented appointing the district's Primary Disbursing Officer, Michele Schmitz. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the resolution is attached to the original board minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the April 24, 2023 Regular Minutes
- B. Approval of the May 3, 2023 Special Minutes
- C. Approval of the Period Ten 2023 Financial Statements
- D. Approval of School Choice Applications:
 - a. Brynleigh Bates from Lavaca to Charleston
 - b. Ethan Gomez from Lavaca to Charleston
 - c. Shane Isaac from Lavaca to Charleston
 - d. Lainey Rainwater from County Line to Charleston
 - e. Brooke-Lynn Ames from Charleston to Van Buren
 - f. Landon Dove from Charleston to Booneville

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to approve meal prices as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Breakfast price from \$75 cents to \$1.00 for students
- B. Lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for students
- C. Breakfast price from \$2.10 to \$2.35 for adults
- D. Lunch price from \$3.60 to \$3.85 for adults

The recently approved Classified Salary Schedule did not reflect a salary increase that was board approved June 2022. To correct the document, a motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to approve the 2023-24 Classified Salary Schedule as presented. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the schedule is attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Susan Brown presented improvement plans. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to approve the Elementary School and High School Improvement Plans as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Copies of the plans are attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported the amount the district pays for the SPED Supervisor is based on the River Valley schedule and number of students served by each district. A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to accept the River Valley SPED Coop LEA Supervisor Salary Schedule 2023-24 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Kenner and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to approve the 2023-24 Special Education Application Statement of Intent as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported information regarding new legislation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to approve the Education Service Cooperative Resolution as presented. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the resolution is attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Melissa Moore provide information as listed:

- A. IT SAVVY, \$19,754
- B. Last Day of School, May 25th

Mr. Brian Verkamp announced the board would go into executive session at 6:55 p.m.. After returning to regular session at 7:30 p.m., the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to employ Phillip Hampton as the Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend of \$12,591. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson, to employ Kasidey Thompson, Certified Teacher, for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to employ Brittany Wilson, Paraprofessional, for the 2023-24 school year, based on 180 days, \$18,842. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to accept the resignation of Marsha Ross, Student Council Sponsor, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to reluctantly accept the resignation of Susan Brown, Federal Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist, effective June 30, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Secretary

