SBDM Council

Dawson Springs Junior/Senior High School

Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 18, 2018

Meeting called to order. Members present: Kyle Chappell, Lisa Littlejohn, Keli Tolbert, and Kevin Stockman. Also present DeNell Storms (Secretary), Kylie Littlejohn (Student) Members absent: Kati Griffin, Wayne Simpson

Agenda:

* Approved agenda. Motion – Ms. Tolbert. Second – Mr. Chappell. 3-0

Minutes:

* Approved minutes from December 13, 2017. Motion – Ms. Tolbert. Second – Ms. Littlejohn. 3-0

Budget:

* Approved the January 2018 budget with a final balance of $22,555.58. Motion – Mr. Chappell. Second – Ms. Tolbert. 3-0

Old Business:

* None

New Business:

* Approved: 2018-2019 Dawson Springs Independent Schools’ Calendar. Motion – Ms. Littlejohn. Second – Mr. Chappell. 3-0
* Approved: Creation of the *Order of the Squire* on a probationary status for the remainder of the 2018 school year. Permanent status will be considered at the June 2018 SBDM meeting. Motion – Mr. Chappell. Second – Ms. Tolbert. 3-0
* Approved: The Kentucky Mandated Civics Test that will be used as a Graduation requirement beginning in July of 2018. Motion – Ms. Littlejohn. Second – Mr. Chappell. 3-0
* Approved: Recommended Lesson Plan Format. Motion – Mr. Chappell. Second – Ms. Tolbert. 3-0

Conversation:

* Senate Bill 55 was discussed.
* Senior trip is on target. Still working toward accruing final expenses.
* Make-up days to be decided by the Superintendent and Board. Calendar states 2/16, 2/19, 3/19, and 3/30.

Adjourn: Approved – Motion – Ms. Littlejohn. Second – Ms. Tolbert. 3-0

Next SBDM meeting is scheduled for 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

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* Varsity Basketball Teams are playing.
* Homecoming activities have been rescheduled to the week of February 12th.
* Varsity, JV, and Middle School Academic Teams are practicing.
* CERT window closed and adjustments were made to student schedules.

**Commonwealth Mandated Civics Test**

​​In 2017, the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 159 (2017). The law reads that beginning in July 2018, a student must pass a civics test composed of 100 questions in order to graduate from a public high school with a regular diploma. Each local board of education will be expected to prepare or approve an exam that must be composed of questions from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services test. Students are required to score 60% or higher and may retake the exam as many times as deemed necessary to pass the test.

Critical highlights include:

* Local boards of education and charter school governing bodies may decide how the test is administered and implemented.
* Students must correctly answer at least 60 of the 100 questions on the civics test.
* Students may retake the test as many times as necessary to pass.
* Local boards of education will determine how the passing grade will be documented.
* A student who has passed a similar test within the previous five years is not required to take the test.
* Schools must administer this test in accordance with the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program as defined in KRS 158.281 or a Section 504 Plan as defined in KRS 156.027.

<https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/conpro/socstud/Documents/KDE%20Civics%20Test%20Manual.pdf>

Motion:

“As per the requirements of Senate Bill 159 (2017), in order to graduate from Dawson Springs High School with a regular diploma, all students must pass the Dawson Springs Independent School Board’s approved civics exam.”

This exam is composed of questions from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services test. Students are required to score 60% or higher and may retake the exam as many times as deemed necessary to pass the test. The Exam will be administered in the 11th Grade US History course and count toward the student’s final exam grade.