**73. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

Mr. James Milam, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM. Mrs. Lovis Patterson offered the invocation, and Mr. Milam led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**a.** **Review of District Mission Statement**

Mr. Milam reviewed the district mission and vision statements: “At Russellville Independent Schools, we are committed to ensuring that every Panther is equipped socially, emotionally, and academically on their journey to becoming an effective communicator, productive collaborator, innovative problem solver, and compassionate citizen – wherever life takes them!”

We R Equipping Panthers….For Life!

**74. AGENDA APPROVED**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley, motion by Ms. Page, second by Mr. West, and a unanimous vote the agenda was approved.

**75 PRESENTATIONS**

**76. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley, motions by Mrs. Triplett, second by Mrs. Patterson, and a unanimous vote, the consent agenda items were approved.

**a. Minutes:**  January 17, 2023, Regular Session and February 7, 2023, Special Called Meeting

**b.** **Payment of Claims & Contract Salaries and Financial Reports**

**c. Report of Personnel Actions Taken by the Superintendent**

Hires:

Date Name Position

1/23/2023 LuWanda McKeage Transferred from Instructional Assistant to Bus Monitor

2/6/2023 Howard Lyon Bus Driver

2/8/2023 Melanie Davis Transferred from Inst. Assist. to Full-Time Certified Sub

6/30/2023 Greg Owens Substitute Bus Driver

Resignations:

Date Name Position

2/3/2023 Rebecca Groom Instructional Assistant - SES

2/10/2023 Lucian Moore SPED Teacher - RMS

2/8/2023 Gina Ring Teacher - SES

**d. Fund Raiser/Overnight Travel**

Fundraisers:

Dates Organization Activity Sponsor

7/1/2023 RHS Girls Soccer Coke Sales Eric Evans

4/1/23-4/30/23 RHS Girls Soccer Bundt Cake Sales Eric Evans

8/1/23-8/31/23 RHS Girls Soccer Bundt Cake Sales Eric Evans

7/1/23-8/31/23 RHS Girls Soccer Tshirt Sales Eric Evans

3/6/2023 RHS Band Sack Lunch Sales Sara Pitts

5/1/23-5/31/23 RHS Band Flags of Honor Sara Pitts

2/22/23-3/10/23 RHS Band Panther Cup Sales Sara Pitts

3/24/2023 RHS Band Notes Over Noodles Sara Pitts

3/1/23-3/24/23 RMS Activity Fund Candy Bar Sales Darryl Green

2/22/23-3/8/23 Tennis Sell Panther Gear Tera Ragland

4/10/23-4/21/23 Tennis Sell Coke Products Tera Ragland

5/1/23-5/31/23 RHS Boys Soccer Sell Coke Products Jeramy Rust

03/01/23-05/31/23 RHS Boys Soccer BSN Team Store Jeramy Rust

06/01/23-7/31/23 RHS Boys Soccer Car Wash Jeramy Rust

05/01/23-7/31/23 RHS Boys Soccer Discount Cards Jeramy Rust

03/01/23-06/30/23 RHS Boys Soccer Sponsorship Signs Jeramy Rust

2/17/2023 Archery Middle School Dance Rebecca Gwynette

Overnight Trips

Dates Organization Location Sponsor

4/1/24-4/3/24 TBD New York Juli Link\*\*\*

\*\*\* Mrs. Link will be attending the board meeting to discuss this trip

**77. UPDATE/INFORMATION ON DISTRICT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

**a. Council for Better Education, Inc Resolution and Payment**

Dr. Begley reviewed with the board the resolution with Council for Better Education and recommended the district continue to participate. A motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, and passed unanimously to continue the support and payment.

**b.** **First Reading to Update the Public Participation in Open Meeting Policy (01.421)**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley, a motion was made by Ms. Page and seconded by Mrs. Triplett to approve the first reading and update to the Public Participation in Open Meeting Policy (01.421) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**c**. **First Reading to Update the District Issuance of Checks Policy (04.3111)**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley, a motion was made by Mr. West, and seconded by Mrs. Patterson to approve the first reading and update to the District Issuance of Checks Policy (04.3111) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**d. Fiber Service Contract with Electric Plan Board 2023-2024**

Mr. Guffy presented the board with a service contract for fiber service with the Electric Plan Board. He also reviewed the E-Rate (Universal Service Fund) program and how the program reimburses districts for services. After some discussion Ms. Page made a motion to approve the fiber service contract with EPB. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Triplett and passed unanimously.

**e. Second Reading of Staffing Policy (02.4331)**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley a motion was made by Ms. Page, seconded by Mr. West, and passed unanimously to approve the second reading of the Staffing Policy.

**f. BG1 Revision for Stevenson Window Replacement Project (22-409)**

After a recommendation by Dr. Begley a motion was made by Ms. Page to approve BG1 (22-409) changing the cost estimate and funding source for the Stevenson Elementary window project. The project cost was updated to $506,445 with the funding sources being split between building fund, capital outlay and general fund. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Patterson and passed unanimously.

**g. BG1 Revision for Russellville High School Tennis Court Repairs (23-100)**

The board on motion by Mr. West and second by Mrs. Triplett approved BG1 (23-100) to revise the cost estimate and project scope for the high school tennis court repairs. The amount has been updated to $48,876 and the plans to turn the courts no longer being an option. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**78. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Capital Funds Request – Property Insurance**

Mr. Coursey reviewed with the board the capital funds request in the amount of

$48,876 to cover property insurance premiums. A motion was made by Ms. Page,

and seconded by Mrs. Patterson to approve the capital funds request. The motion

passed unanimously.

**b. Care Solace Service Agreement**

Mr. Kenney Hartman reviewed the services provided by the Care Solace Service agreement and advised he would like to follow up with other providers in our area and see what type of service they could provide prior to committing to this agreement. Mr. West made a motion to table this discussion till next month, seconded by Mrs. Triplett and passed unanimously.

**c. Service Agreement with The Med Center Health for Physical Therapy Services**

Mr. Kenney Hartman presented a service agreement to the board for physical therapy services with The Med Center. After some discussion a motion was made by Ms. Page to approve the agreement, seconded by Mrs. Patterson. Mrs. Triplett abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion passed.

**d. 2023-2024 School Start and End Times**

Dr. Begley recommended to the board adjusting the start and end times for the 2023-2024 school year. Stevenson Elementary would start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., Russellville Middle and High School would start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Page to approve the new start and end times for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Triplett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**e. Purchase Walk-In Freezer for Stevenson Elementary School**

Dr. Begley presented the board with paperwork to purchase a new walk-in freezer for Stevenson Elementary in the amount of $23,250. A motion was made by Mr. West to approve the purchase, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, and passed unanimously.

**79. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**80. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**81. SEPERINTENDET’S REPORT**

**a. Distribution of The Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Act and Managing Government Records**

Dr. Begley provided each board member with a copy of the KY Open Records and Open Meetings Act packet and received signed proof of receipts from each member and himself.

**b. Global Link and J1**

Dr. Begley attended the National Conference on Education in San Antonio, TX last week and while there he was able to speak with Superintendents from all over the country and one spoke to him about a company called Global Link who finds certified teachers in other countries and contracts with them to work in your district under a 4-year visa with the help of J1. Dr. Begley says other states are doing this and it has helped as they are also struggling to find certified teachers.

**c. 2022 Kentucky Summative Assessment Awards**

Dr. Begley informed the board there would an awards ceremony on April 14th at Russellville High School for all students who scored proficient or distinguished during the 2022 summative assessments.

**82. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further board business, Mr. West moved for adjournment. Mrs. Triplett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_