Minutes

BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School

The Berea Board of Education met on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School. The following board members were present:

Attendance Taken at : 7:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Rebecca Blankenship

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside

Mr. Van Gravitt

Mr. Tom McCay

Mr. Jarred Penn

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. RECOGNITION

A. National Honor Society

III. COMMUNICATION

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Report

1. Superintendent Report

2. Financial Report

3. Attendance and Enrollment

C. School Reports

1. Elementary

2. Middle School

3. High School

D. Full-Service Community Schools - Beth Brown

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as written was passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

V. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Motion Passed: Approval of the Business/Consent Items for Board Consideration passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the board meeting on February 20, 2023. Requested by Kathie Ridge, Secretary, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. Financial Reports

Approve the financial reports of the Elementary, Middle School, High School, Food Service and General Fund, including the Orders of the Treasurer. Requested by Tony Tompkins, Director of Operations and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

C. Facilities Use - Berea Women's Club

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 05.3 approve the Facility Use Request from Berea Woman’s Club to use the Conkin Gym, tables, chairs and sound system for the purpose of their annual fundraising event Tinsel and Treasures Holiday Vendor Show on November 3 and 4, 2023. Approval of this request is subject to obtaining event insurance per board policy stipulations. Requested by Mikki Moren, Berea Women’s Club Representative and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

D. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Dual Credit

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Eastern Kentucky University and Berea Independent Schools. This MOA will serve as evidence of a formal understanding between the tow parties and will outline specific guidelines and requirements agreed upon by both parties. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent

E. School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance

Approve the SFCC Offer of Assistance dated March 20, 2023. The entire amount of $9062.46 the Offer of Assistance will be matched at the present time. This Offer of Assistance is to be used towards proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in the most current approved facility plan. Requested by Tony Tompkins, District Finance Officer, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VI. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. 2023-2024 District Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the second reading of the following calendar for the 2023-2024 school year passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the second reading of the following calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Requested by Kyle French, DPP and the Calendar Committee and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. EKU Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), EKU Advantage Program

Motion Passed: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with EKU to formalize Berea Independent Schools (BIS) participation in the EKU Advantage Program passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with EKU to formalize Berea Independent Schools (BIS) participation in the EKU Advantage Program, which shall provide a pathway to educational advancement for BIS employees. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

C. Purchase of a New Special Education School Bus

Motion Passed: Approve the purchase of a new special needs bus with A/C with an estimated cost of $140,000 with expected delivery in Spring 2024 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

 Approve the purchase of a new special needs bus with A/C with an estimated cost of $140,000 with expected delivery in Spring 2024. Requested by Charlie Owens, Transportation Director and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

D. Auditing Contract for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion Passed: Approve the proposed auditing contract with Summers, McCrary & Sparks, LLC to include auditing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at a cost of $18,000 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the proposed auditing contract with Summers, McCrary & Sparks, LLC to include auditing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at a cost of $18,000. Requested by Tony Tompkins Director of Operations and recommended by Dr Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

E. Permanent Placement Agreement with Soliant

Motion Passed: Approve the Permanent Placement Agreement with Soliant for the School Psychologist Position for $22,500 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the Permanent Placement Agreement with Soliant for the School Psychologist Position for $22,500. Requested by Jennifer Whitt, Director of Exceptional Children and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Van Gravitt and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

IX. 2023 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Theater with the exception of the work session meetings and those noted which will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office.

Tuesday, January 27, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m.)

Monday, February 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, March 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 24, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Budget- Work Session)

Monday, May 15, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Thursday, June 22, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, July 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, August 21, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, September 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, October 9, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Assessment -Work Session)

Monday, October 16, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, November 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, December 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Elect Chair and Set Meeting Dates-Work Session)

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Chairperson Secretary

Claims paid for the month of March $438,738.26