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

Mr. James Milam, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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!

**II. AGENDA APPROVED**

**Order #21 – Motion Passed:** Approval of board agenda passed with a motion by Mr. West, second by Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

**Order #22 – Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda Items passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**a. Minutes:**  July 11, 2023, Special Called Meeting & July 18, 2023, Regular Session Meeting

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

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

**d. Fundraiser/Overnight Travel**

**e. Finance Officers Bond for New Finance Officer**

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

**a. Contract with Learning Services, LLC for after School Tutoring**

**Order # 23 – Motion Passed:** Approval of contract with Learning Services, LLC passed with a motion from Mr. West and a second from Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**b.** **Addition of Preschool Classroom**

**Order #24 – Motion Passed:** Approval of adding an additional preschool classroom if needed passed with a motion by Mrs. Triplett and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**c**. **School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Russellville**

**Order #25 – Motion Passed:** Approval of the memorandum of understanding with the City of Russellville for School Resource Officer services passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mr. West.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**d. Donate Salvage Bus #15 (1HVBRAAN92B943309) to Russellville Fire Department**

**Order #26 – Motion Passed:** Approval to donate salvage bus #15 to the Russellville Fire Department for training passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**e. 2023-24 District Writing Plan**

**Order #27 – Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2023-24 District Writing Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mr. West.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**f. Addition to the Classified Salary Schedule**

**Order #28 – Motion Passed:** Approval to add the following statement to the classified salary schedule “Retired substitutes will receive pay based on years of service at time of retirement” passed with a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**g. Pay App #3 for the Stevenson Window Project (BG22-409)**

**Order #29 – Motion Passed:** Rejection of Pay Ap #3 passed with a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Addition of a Preschool Interventionist**

**Order #30 – Motion Passed:** Approval for the addition of a preschool interventionist passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**b. Memorandum of Agreement with GRREC Project ACCESS**

**Order #31 – Motion Passed:** Approval of the memorandum of agreement with GREEC Project Access passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**c. Creation of Instructor I for Extended School Services**

**Order #32 – Motion Passed:** Approval to create an Instructor I job description to provide extended school services passed with a motion by Mrs. Triplett and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

d. **Initial BG1 for RHS-SES Bathroom Renovation, Stadium Renovation and Install Rubberized Running Surface at the High School Track**

**Order #33 – Motion Passed:** Approval of initial BG1 for the bathroom renovations at the high school and elementary school, stadium renovations and high school track surface install passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**e. Set Tax**

**Order #34 – Motion Passed:** Approval to set tax rates at 82.7 on real and personal property, 0.00 exonerations, 53.9 on motor vehicle, and 3% on utility tax which applies to cable services, also including taxing of aircraft and watercraft passed with a motion by Ms. Page and a second by Mr. West.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

**VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**a. Start of School Update by School Admin**

Mr. Rex Booth, Mrs. Amanda Collins, Mrs. Megan Houchins and Mrs. Jennifer Pope each presented the board with an update on the first two weeks of school.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Estes reviewed with the board the three main foci (rigor, attendance, and literacy) for the district for the 2023-24 school year,

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Order #35 – Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn with a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mrs. Triplett.

Mr. James Milam Yes

Mr. Phillip West Yes

Mrs. Lovis Patterson Yes

Ms. Davonna Page Yes

Mrs. April Triplett Yes

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