Minutes

BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2023 7:00 PM

Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School

The Berea Board of Education met on September 18, 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

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

II. RECOGNITION

A. Attitude of Gratitude Berea Elementary

We would like to recognize three amazing leaders at BCES.

• Jaime Davis (kindergarten)

• Emma Fraley (third)

• Courtney Parrish (fourth).

Each of these teachers were chosen to be team leads for their grade levels this year because of their leadership skills and their highly effective instruction in the classroom. These three teachers also spent time this summer creating Treasure Groups for our school. They worked hard to create a calendar of games, lessons, and how to separate the students and faculty into eight treasure groups for the year. The Treasure Groups are a mentorship time with students K-5 that we host on the last Friday of every month at the end of the school day. This time allows students across the grade levels to meet with other students and staff members to build a greater community and learn how to become a greater leader in our school and community.

We are so appreciative of the hard work, dedication, passion, and commitment each of them bring to our district to help BCES grow in greater areas of success.

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

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay 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.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the board meeting on August 21, 2023 and the Special Meeting on August 31, 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. MS JAG Salary

Approve the updated amount of $35,000 for the Middle School JAG position on the salary schedule . Requested by Tony Tompkins Director of Operations and Recommended by Diane Hatchett Superintendent.

VI. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Working Budget For 2023-2024 School Year

Motion Passed: Approve the working budget for the 2023-2024 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Approve the working budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Requested by Nathan Sweet, Director of Finance and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. Special Education Procedures

Motion Passed: Approve the changes to the Berea Independent Schools' Special Education Procedures. These changes are necessary due to current regulations and recent minor regulation changes to Visual Impairment/Health Impairment eligibility passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Approve the changes to the Berea Independent Schools' Special Education Procedures. These changes are necessary due to current regulations and recent minor regulation changes to Visual Impairment/Health Impairment eligibility. These changes are requested by Jennifer Whitt, Director of Exceptional Children Services and recommended by legal counsel Teresa Combs and Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

Recommended changes to the Special Education Procedures include the following:

1. Eligibility criteria change for Vision Impairment to match recent regulation changes

2. Eligibility criteria change for Hearing Impairment to match recent regulation changes

3. Eligibility criteria for Specific Learning Disability to remove the discrepancy option for eligibility determination

4. Minor changes to Notification of a Parent and Written Prior Notice to a Parent sections

C. Amendment to Certified Evaluation Plan (CEP)

Motion Passed: Approve the amendment to the Certified School Evaluation Plan (CEP) due to a typo in plan that was approved on June 22, 2023 passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Approve the amendment to the Certified School Evaluation Plan (CEP) due to a typo in plan that was approved on June 22, 2023. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

Professional Growth Plan established - September 30 (45 days from hire for late hires)

Self-Reflection turned in - September 15 (45 days from hire for late hires)

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. Tom McCay.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

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 September $443,572.05