

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>REGULAR</u> TYPE	<u>LMS Library</u> PLACE	<u>6:00 P.M.</u> TIME	<u>August 17, 2020</u> DATE	<u>Monday</u> DAY
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Present

Jenna Loveless, President
Jim York, Vice President
Shep Sheppard, Secretary
Marvin Brown
Pam Todd
Jim York
Karl Dewey
Todd Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Be it remembered that the Board of Education of the Louisiana R-II School Board, Pike County, MO met in regular session at the Louisiana Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 17, 2020 at which time were present the following officers and members of said Board: Loveless, York, Brown, Todd, Sheppard, Capps and Dewey. Dr. Smith, Supt. of Schools was also present.

A tax rate hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no public comments.

Meeting called to order: Loveless called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda: Todd made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dewey. (Dewey, Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

Consent agenda: Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Todd. (Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York, Dewey and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

- a) Approve minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular Board Meeting.
- b) Approve fund transfers. A fund transfer in an amount equal to certified staff salaries will be transferred each month from Fund 1 to Fund 2.
Approve July/August voucher List.

Individuals, Delegations
& Correspondence

Thank you cards were received and read from two Hardin Scholarship recipients.

Superintendent's Report

Meriwether Update

Dr. Smith updated the Board on the status of the Meriwether building.

Opening Feedback/discussion

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the opening of school. All board members agreed that students should be wearing masks on the buses.

Lacy White presentation

Lacy was present at the request of the Board to brief them on her job duties and responsibilities.

New Business

FEMA Grant

Todd made a motion to discontinue pursuit of the FEMA grant, seconded by Capps. (Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York, Dewey, Todd and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

QNS Proposal

Currently, QNS charges us annually per computer, per year. With the addition of 700 devices, it would more than double our cost. QNS has developed an “unlimited” plan. It is a four year agreement with a 3.5% increase each year. Brown moved to enter into a four year unlimited device agreement with QNS, seconded by York. (Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York, Dewey, Todd and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

Local Compliance Plan

Each year the Board approves the Local Compliance Plan for Special Education. Essentially, DESE gives us the plan and we agree to comply. John has gone through it and says it is appropriate. Todd made a motion to approve the Local Compliance Plan as presented, seconded by Sheppard. (Capps, Brown, York, Dewey, Todd, Sheppard and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

AT&T Bandwidth Proposal

Since we are adding so many devices to our network, we will have to increase our bandwidth. Currently we have 150 megs and pay \$924.32/month. We can increase it to 400 megs for \$1273.20/month (an additional \$348/month). Increasing to 500 megs would cost \$1,405.50 (\$481/month increase). We can do a 24 or 36 month agreement. Todd made a motion to alter our contract with AT&T to increase the District bandwidth from 150 to 400 megs with a 24 month agreement. (Brown, York, Dewey, Todd, Sheppard, Capps and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

SPED Determination Letter

We have received a letter from DESE stating that our SPED department had a perfect determination score.

Trainers from the hospital

Each year we sign a memo of understanding with PCMH for trainers at games and usually a weekly check-in for injuries provided at no cost. This year, PCMH will start charging for “guaranteed service”. If we do not contract with them they will try to have a trainer at events, but won’t guarantee it. The Board asked that we gather bids from other trainers/hospitals and report back in September.

Surplus Buses

We have a short bus with 175k miles on it that has been out of service for years. Part of the frame is rusted and cracked. Once declared surplus, we will follow Board policy to dispose of it. We have a second, full size bus that we declared surplus a few years ago. We were going to donate it to the tech school, but they changed instructors. Jason House has inquired about donating it to a fire and rescue training. Todd made a motion to declare the 1997 Chevy small bus with rusted frame as surplus, seconded by Sheppard. (Dewey, Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

Adjournment: Sheppard made a motion at 7:16 p.m. to adjourn from open session to executive session for matters related to employment of staff and contract negotiation as per Section 610.021, seconded by Capps. (Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Brown, York, Dewey and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

President

Secretary