MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members
Jarrod Hambric, Board Member
Chris Ledbetter, Board Vice-President
Paul Childress, Board Member
Holley Little, Board President
Jonathan Woolbright, Board Member
Luke Fulcher, Board Member

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Holley Little, Board President.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Board members present:
Paul Childress, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Lebetter, Holley Little, Janathan Woolbright, Luke Fulcher

Not in attendance:
Randy Mitchell

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Panther Pride

A. Kristi Chumley - GT Administrator of the Year

V. Consent Agenda

5:35 Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Reading of Previous Minutes

B. Financial Reports

C. 2021-2022 Statement of Assurance

D. Statement of Assurance CTE

VI. Action Items

A. Approval of Financing Elementary Project & Resolution to Proceed with the Issuance of Second Lien Bonds - Jack Truemper

Mr. Truemper presented the resolution to proceed with the issuance of second lien bonds and the financing of the elementary project. Paul Childress requested a workshop at a later date for a better understanding of the financials.

5:42 Motion was made by Jonathan Woolbright to approve the resolution to proceed.
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Paul Childress
Motion seconded by: Chris Ledbetter
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

B. Resolution requesting the County Board of Election Commissioners Declare an Election by Candidate

Dr. Skelton presented the County Board of Election Commissioners declare an election by candidate.

5:43 Paul Childress mad motion to approve.
Seconded by Chris Ledbetter

C. Approval of Digital Learning Plan 2021-2022 - Dr. Eric Saunders

Dr. Saunders presented the Digital Learning Plan 2021-2022 and the amendments to the plan.

5:48 Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve.
Seconded by Paul Childress

D. Approval of the Benton Schools Ready for Learning 2021-2022 - Dr. Eric Saunders

Dr. Saunders presented the Ready for Learning Plan for 2021-2022

5:49 Hambric made motion to approve.
Luke Fulcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Proposed Revised Board Policy Due to Recent Legislative Session - Dr. Larry Smith, Melissa Hilson, PPC Chair

Dr. Smith presented the updates for recommended policy updates. Melissa Hilson, PPC Chair, made the recommendation from the PPC.

5:33 Paul Childress made motion to approve the final audit as presented.
Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Proposed Revised COVID Leave Policies 3.32.1 and 8.23.1 - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith presented the COVID leave has expired and the new recommendations to be referred to the PPC and CPPC. BSD offer 5 days COVID leave.

5:58 Chris Ledbetter made the motion to approve the propoal and the referral.
Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Proposed Changes to Certified Salary Schedule, Indexes, and Stipends - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith presented the salary proposal of an additional $400 to base certified staff pay and adding a step and a range to the salary schedule. Approval to refer to the PPC.

6:05 Chris Ledbetter made the motion to approve.
Luke Fulcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Student Transfer Requests - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith presented 76 Student Transfer Requests were presented to the board.
5 Benton to Bauxite / 9 Bauxite to Benton
23 Benton to Bryant / 18 Bryant to Benton
3 Benton to Harmony Grove / 8 Harmony Grove to Benton
2 Benton to Glen Rose / 4 Glen Rose to Benton
2 Benton to Little Rock / 2 Little Rock to Benton

6:07 Jonathan Woolbright made the motion to approve all requests.
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Amendment to the Agenda - Purchase of Air Purifiers

7:17 The board made a motion to amend the agenda.
Jarrod Hambric made the motion.
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Hinson presented a request to purchase 198 Medify MA-40 Air Purifiers for classrooms and instructional spaces. Estimated cost of $54,032.34. Jarrod Hambric wanted to look at purchasing a model that includes UV not exceeding a total cost of $75,000.00

7:24 Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the purchase with not exceeding $75,000.00.

Luke Fulcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Session (If needed)

6:08 The Board went into Executive Session.

7:14 The meeting reconvened.

VIII. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report -Dr. Larry Smith

7:15 Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve personnel recommendations as presented. Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Department Reports

A. Presentation & Athletics Report - Scott Neathery

B. Elementary Education/Federal Programs - Dr. Kim Anderson

C. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders

D. Human Resources/Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith

E. Special Education - Angela McWhorter

F. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacy Adams

G. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain

H. Transportation Report- Danny Revis

I. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley

X. Superintendent's Report

A. August 11, 2021 - 7:30 a.m. Back to School Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Staff Meeting at River Center

B. August 11, 2021 - 1:30 p.m. CTE Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

C. August 16, 2021 - First Day of School

D. August 28, 2021 - Salt Bowl - War Memorial

E. September 13, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

XI. Adjournment