Alexander Local Board of Education Regular Meeting

Alexander Library 7:00 P.M. June 26, 2024

The Alexander Local Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2024, at the Alexander Library. Members present at roll call were: Mr. Aaron Ramsey, Mr. Josh Collins, Mr. Stephen Crook, Mr. Blake Regan, and Mr. Jay Barnes.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Barnes.

24-06-01: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook to adopt the agenda as modified.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

Reports and Comments

A. Nutrition Group – Kristy Deck – presented on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program – Free breakfast and lunch for all students.
B. Public Participation for Agenda Items – None
C. Public Hearing - The Board will hear any public comments related to the re-employment of retiree, Daniel Doseck, to the same position as Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal.

24-06-02: Executive Session - Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Collins to go into executive session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

TIME IN: 7:07 TIME OUT: 7:35

D. Superintendent's Report
   1. Negotiations – We have settled with OASPE and have met with ALEA and came to tentative agreement, but they have not ratified their end of the contract. Historically, if terms of salary differ in the final ratification of the contracts it has been our practices to change them align and if so that will be up to the board in out next meeting.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

24-06-03: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024 regular board meeting.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-04: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the financial statement for the months ending May 31, 2024.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-05: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the following transfers:

$707,341.41 from General Fund 001 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$32,203.44 from Title I 572-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$9,197.63 from Title II-A 590-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$5,004.60 from Title IV-A 584-9524 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$14,519.90 from IDEA-B 516-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$469.67 from ECSE 587-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$15,158.62 from General Fund 001 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9123

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-06: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education accept the $5,000 donation from Anne Cornwell to the Children Services Resource Room through the Elementary PSSF (018-9004).

Mr. Barnes would like to thank Anne for her support of the school and it goes along the line of Mr. Cornwell and his legacy of supporting the school.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-07: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following dock days:

Pay date 6/05/2024	Jennifer Norris 1.5 hour
Pay date 6/20/2024	Jennifer Ray 8.5 days

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-08: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the after-the-fact invoice from Farley Floors in the amount of $6,290 for gym floor maintenance.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-09: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the contract with J.L. Uhrig and Associates in the amount of $5,300 for GASB 34 reporting.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-10: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to recycle, dispose of or sell by any means necessary unused furniture, fixtures and out-of-service buses.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-11: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the five-year forecast dated May 30, 2024.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-12: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the enclosed revised annual appropriations and estimated resources for fiscal year 2024 and certify to the county auditor.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-13: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the enclosed certificate of the total amount from all sources available for expenditure and balances for fiscal year 2025 and certify to the county auditor.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-14: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the enclosed annual appropriations for fiscal year 2025 and certify to the county auditor.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-15: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the enclosed resolution to proceed with the proposition of a renewal income tax.
Mr. Crook, we talked about this last meeting, we have gotten some new information, somethings have changed, I encourage everyone to take a look at those changes and come to us with any questions. **Mr. Regan,** I think we have done with the idea of looking forward the board, the administration has done a lot of hard work to try to get a feel for what life without a levy could look like, will look like and that work has shown in a lot of different ways, being really creative in how we try to reduce the impact on our students and our district as a whole, but at the end of the day our district has a choice to make if we want to continue the services that our district provides to our community as it currently sits. **Mr. Barnes,** last month we had certain information that we looked at and a lot of internal debate and there has been a lot of changes that place with the forecast and certain changes. The forecast does look better. I said last month that I

was on the fence whether to present this again because of the chances of it passing. Mr. Hampton and Mrs. Napper are crunching numbers, Mr. Hampton is looking under every rock of ways to do things better, do things differently to try to get the same amount of services the best we can at a reduced cost and that is showing up in our forecast. Forecast 5 years from now, still going to be running a deficit, but the near term we are okay. **Mr. Hampton,** without the levy we can still be a very good school, we will be more efficient, we may be more selective about what we can offer, we may not have all of the same options that we have right now, but we will be a very good school. It will be harder and we will have to work differently, but I still believe we have that ability without the levy to function, be efficient and to provide a great education for our kids. **Mr. Barnes,** I keep coming back to the voters have sent us a pretty clear message the last two attempts and with the changes from last meeting what do we look like without it. In talking with staff and community there's just not much hope in it passing. **Mr. Collins,** what I am hear is we need to be more efficient, we may have to be more selective about what we choose, what we offer. What I hear in that, means the existing staff will have to do more and the existing education opportunities will be dropped, so our kids will have a lesser experience than they do now. The entire goal of my desire to be on this board was to preserve what it was that I had growing up and preserve what my kids have now and if I hear in the quotes that we're lowering our standards, I don't find that acceptable. I am happy that the negotiations have turned out to give us a good stable forecast and a known contract going forward, so we know the fiscal position we are in, but I still have a very strong feeling that the small amount of investment that it takes to put the levy on the ballot this question to the community to give them one more chance to give a strong answer that yes in fact they do want to preserve what we have rather than accept less for their kids and our community. I think that small amount of investment is absolutely worth the payoff.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, no; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, no; Mr. Ramsey, no; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion failed.

24-06-16: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Ramsey that the Board of Education approve the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) budget for the 2024-25 school year.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel/Employment Recommendation

24-06-17: Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education accept the enclosed letter of resignation from Lindy Douglas, Special Programs Coordinator, effective July 15, 2024.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes and thank you for the years of service; Mr. Crook, yes and thank you, you'll truly be missed; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Barnes, a couple board members expressed my thoughts, thank you to Mrs. Douglas for all of her years of dedication to the school district and we wish her well in future endeavors.

24-06-18: Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education accept the enclosed letter of resignation from Brianna Wollett, Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-19: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Ramsey that the Board of Education accept the enclosed letter of resignation from Eric Lindner, Head Boys Golf Coach for the 2024-25 school year.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-20: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Ramsey that the Board of Education rescind the supplemental contract with Adrienne Kohli, Asst. HS Yearbook for the 2023-24 school year.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-21: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education employ the following supplementals for the 2024-25 school year, pending their meeting all state and local requirements and the constitution of a full team for the season:

Certificated
Nate Schaller, Freshman Boys Basketball

Non-Certificated

Wes Arbaugh, Strength & Conditioning	Colby Carsey, JV Boys Basketball
Randy Crossen, Football Volunteer	Maghan Lunsford, JV Boys Basketball
Jason Stevens, Head Boys Golf	Jason Terry, Basketball Volunteer
Andrew Zuchowski, Asst. Cross Country	

24-06-22: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education employ Josie Dailey as an Intervention Specialist for the 2024-25 school year, pending her meeting all state and local requirements.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-23: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education non-renew Kathy Dougan 3-hour kitchen position for the 2024-25 school year.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-24: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education grant a continuing contract to David Clark, Bus Driver.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-25: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education grant a 2-year contracts to the following:

Cynthia Bashore, Paraprofessional
Rachel Turner, Paraprofessional
Jennifer Mitchell, Paraprofessional
Doug Skinner, Bus Driver
Jason Stevens, Bus Driver
Sarah Crawford, Cook I
Tolan Arnold, Custodian/Maintenance
Adam O'Brien, Custodian/Maintenance
Lori Smith, Bus Driver
Regina Wells, Cook I

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

24-06-26: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approved the negotiated agreement with OAPSE through June 30, 2027 and the non-union salary schedules.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

Board Policy Updates

First reading of the following policies for inclusion into the Policy and Procedures Manual:

EDEC, Artificial Intelligence
EHC, Cybersecurity
JFCK, Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students

Business Initiated by Board Members – **Mr. Regan,** I want to send out a quick plug to the playground build to Lisa and Anna and the whole playground committee, the whole community. I need to applaud those two ladies and the community, that is why we moved to this district, that's why we love this district. That was awesome, there were people from all over. It was amazing we had the Copperheads, we had the OU football team. It truly was a community coming together. From the bottom of my heart thank you for the effort. Those two really initiated it in the community. It's a beautiful project out there. **Mr. Hampton,** It is coming to a close, but we are not finished yet, so we really need the community's patience, we still have really important work to be done. Look but don't touch, stay off the surface. It needs time to cure, to be safe and useful structure. We are going to have a grand opening on the 15th of August. We are really proud of those two ladies they have done a remarkable job and we are very excited for our kids to have that experience. **Mr. Barnes,** thank you Blake well said.

Board Reports - None

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Public Participation –None

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

24-06-27: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that this meeting be adjourned.

Vote: Mr. Barnes, yes; Mr. Collins, yes and Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; and Mr. Regan, yes. Motion carried.

Time: 8:03 P.M.

Board President

Treasurer