Alexander Local Board of Education Regular Meeting

Alexander Library 7:00 P.M. April 16, 2025

The Alexander Local Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2025, 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.

25-04-01: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Regan to adopt the agenda with addendum.

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

Reports and Comments

A. Annah & Lisa – Playground update – Area 2 is ready to be completed this summer.
B. Public Hearing - The Board will hear any public comments related to the re-employment of retiree, David McLaughlin, to the same position of teacher. – **No comments.**
C. Superintendent's report
1. Policy changes - HB 8 – Parents Bill of Rights – Religious release time – one thing we have a say in is the people who come pick the students up if they have background checks. Expulsion policy – several options listed – The policy we have now is working and I would like to stay consistent with the policy we have in place. Administering medications – we can give over the counter medications. **Mr. Regan** – would it be possible to have the marked-up versions of these policy available to the public. **Mr. Hampton** – we could post them on our website as proposed policies.
2. Fees – participation in extracurriculars and clubs. A way to recapture some revenue. Generate roughly $40,000 based on this year's participation.
3. Maintenance of Facilities – waterproofing the buildings – needs done every 10 yrs
4. Changes in Staffing - 2022 we had 216 when we begin in fall we will have 195

Public Participation on Agenda Items –None

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

25-04-02: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 regular board meeting.

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

25-04-03: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the financial statement for the month ending March 31, 2025.

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

25-04-04: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the following transfers:

$384,173.50 from General Fund 001 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125
$14,320.40 from Title I 572-9125 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125
$2,347.21 from Title II-A 590-9125 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125
$1,193.76 from Title IV-A 584-9525 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125
$59,943.99 from IDEA-B 516-9125 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125
$238.28 from ECSE 587-9125 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9125

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

25-04-05: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the following donations:

$1,500.00 to Passion Works from the Elementary Change for a Change Drive
$1,115.52 to the Inclusive Playground Project from the Elem. Change for a Change Drive
$654.00 to Water for South Sudan from 6th grade Language Arts class fundraiser

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

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel/Employment Recommendation

25-04-06: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers as recommended by the Athens-Meigs ESC superintendent:

Teachers - Brooke Bensman and Madikoma (Adele) Mavuso
Paraprofessional – Kristina Burt and Keryn Swart

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

25-04-07: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the change of classification of Shawna Moore from Paraprofessional to Cook, effective March 31, 2025.

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

25-04-08: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education grant the following unpaid leave of absences:

Regina Wells, March 31, 2025 through the end of the 2024-25 school year

Kelsey Williams, April 7, 2025 through the end of the 2024-25 school year

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

25-04-09: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Jennifer Ray, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year
Keryn Swart, effective March 19, 2025

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

25-04-09: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education accept the retirement resignations of Shauna Kostival, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year.

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

25-04-10: Mr. Collins 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 complete team for the season:

Non-Certificated

Macie Swart, Softball volunteer	Mark Cline Track volunteer
Kallie Teeters, Softball volunteer	

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

25-04-11: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education grant one-year contracts to the following, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Matthew Ashcraft	Julia Farver	Sara Carlston
Sophia Kinnett	Jacob Carpenter	Adrienne Kohli
Josie Dailey	McKenzie Myles	Taylor Douglas
Allyson Stewart	Megan Elliott	

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

25-04-12: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education grant two-year contracts to the following, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Madison Giesige	Jenna Jordan	Morgan Grinstead

Rosemary Lamb Amanda Johnson Erica Swart

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

25-04-13: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education grant three-year contracts to the following, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Nicholas Booth Ty Holdcroft Nate Schaller

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

25-04-14: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the following non-teaching contracts, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Sheila Bates, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Jessica Brooks, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Katelyn Foster, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Stacy Haney, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Carly Jordan, Bus Driver, 2 years
Katie O'Brien, Custodian, 2 years
Sandra Reed, Custodian, 2 years
Elaine Ryder, Bus Driver, 2 years
Joseph Smith, Bus Driver, 2 years
Amanda Walker, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Lori Guthrie, Treasurer's Asst/Payroll, 2 years
Justin Blick, Technology II, continuing
Sara Bush, Bus Driver, 2 years
Steve Goodin, Bus Driver, 2 years
Dennis Hartley, Bus Driver, 2 years
Chris Miller, Cook I, 1 year
Stephanie Preston, Cook I, 1 year
Cecelia Reynolds, Cook II, 2 years
Shelly Simmons, Bus Driver, 2 years
Rachel Smith, Cook II, 2 years
Kelsey Williams, Paraprofessional, 2 years
Whitney Warren, Nurse, 2 years

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

25-04-15: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the senior class trip to Kings Island on May 16, 2025.

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

25-04-16: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education grant diplomas to the enclosed list of students, pending their meeting all state and local requirements.

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

25-04-17: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education adopt the enclosed extracurricular fee schedule for the 2025-26 school year.

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

25-04-18: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ the following supplementals for the 2025-26 school year, pending their meeting all state and local requirements and the constitution of a complete team for the season:

Certificated
Morgan Grinstead, Head Varsity Girls Basketball
Jordan Hill, Head Varsity Boys Basketball
Jala Mace, 8th grade Girls Basketball

Non- Certificated

James Allen, Asst. Varsity Wrestling	Kassy Bean, JV Girls Basketball
Mike Bolin, Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball	Colby Carsey, JV Boys Basketball
Bryan Cooper, Head Varsity Wrestling	Randall Crosses, Wrestling Volunteer

Chase Porter, 8th grade Boys Basketball
Jhirmachael Cooper, 7th grade Boys Basketball

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

25-04-19: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education employ Miranda Smith as the Director of Compliance, Curriculum & Assessment for the 2025-26 school year at Step 9 on the administrative salary schedule, pending her meeting all state and local requirements.

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

25-04-20: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ Shauna Kostival as the Intervention Coordinator and Liaison for 75 work days in the 2025-26 school year with a salary of $20,400, pending her meeting all state and local requirements.

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

25-04-21: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the following overnight trips:

Cheer Camp, Marietta College, July 18-20, 2025
Boys Basketball & Cheerleaders to Hoosiers Gymnasium, Bloomington IN, January 30-31, 2026

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

25-04-22: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education grant three-year contracts to the following, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Shiela Cullums Bryan McCollum

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

25-04-23: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ Ashley Thaxton as a paraprofessional, effective April 21, 2025, pending her meeting all state and local requirements.

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

25-04-24: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing sale of real property.

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

25-04-25: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following policies for inclusion into the Policy and Procedure Manual, as recommended by OSBA:

DAB, General Revenue Fund Cash Balance
JECBB-R, Interdistrict Open Enrollment

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

First Reading of the following policies for inclusion into the Policy and Procedure Manual:

BD, School Board Meetings
DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds
DJF, Purchasing Procedures
DJF-R, Purchasing Procedures
EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
GBH, Staff-Student Relations
IGAH, Family Life Education/Sex Education
IGBA, Programs for Students with Disabilities
IGBLA, Promoting Parental Involvement
IGCH-R, College Credit Plus
JECBB, Interdistrict Open Enrollment
JEFB, Released Time for Religious Instruction

JGE, Student Expulsion
JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements
JHCA, Physical Examinations of Students
JHCD, Administering Medicines to Students (Version 1)
JHCD-R-1, Administering Prescription Drugs to Students
JHF, Student Safety
JHG, Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training
KBA, Public's Right to Know

Business Initiated by Board Members

25-04-25: Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to Superintendent's contract.

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

Board Reports - None
Public Participation - None

The next scheduled meetings are Wednesday, May, 14, 2025 and June 25, 2025.

25-04-26: Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee or official.

TIME IN: 8:07 TIME OUT: 8:25

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

25-03-17: Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Time: 8:26 P.M.

Board President

Treasurer