Alexander Local Board of Education Regular Meeting

Alexander Library 7:00 P.M. July 10, 2024

The Alexander Local Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on July 10, 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.

24-07-01: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook to adopt the agenda as modified.

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

24-07-02: Executive Session - Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

TIME IN: 7:02 TIME OUT: 8:13 Return to Regular Session

Reports and Comments

A. Playground – 90% complete Phase one. **Mr. Crook**, did I see some state funding? **Mr. Hampton**, you did in the last House Bill there is some funding for the next phase earmarked for our playground site $260,000.
B. Policy updates – Coming from the state regarding technology, these are recommendations and its more of an awareness and an education process. Cell phone policy – restricting the use during the school day. **Mr. Barnes**, there will be some educating of our parents, if you want to get a hold of your kids its not going to be as easy as just texting them in the middle of class. I think we are all guilty, we're easily distracted. This policy is something that we need to do. **Mr. Regan**, I spoken to a couple community members, teachers and parents and one of the biggest oppositions that I have heard about this policy is safety. Every classroom has a phone in it, if you need to get a hold of your child, you can do that through the office, so if there is an emergency they have the ability to reach them. On the educational research side, the attention span is decreasing every day. It takes 2-5 minutes for you to actually fully engage into a lesson and when you get that interruption it starts back over again. **Mr. Ramsey**, to help kids focus to help them learn there's also research that can show how kids having constant access to these sorts of devices can affect their mental health, stress, anxiety that sort of thing. Having a time where they can be away from that I think helpful so I fully support having meaningful restriction of cell phone use. One thing I have some concern about in the policy the first step is just a warning, but I am wondering if it wouldn't make more sense to skip straight to the 2nd step and the kids phone goes to the office and the kid picks it up at the end of the day. **Mr. Hampton**, I would like the flex ability to talk with Mr. Raines and adjust and clarify the first step. **Mr. Regan**, what about Medical excepts for like diabetes and stuff like that. **Mr. Hampton**, yes, we handle that depending on what is required with the kid,

we would need something from the doctor. Mr. Collins, I am thankful to see a well laid out escalation. While I am thankful my biggest concern is history has been that we have not enforced it consistently. Making sure that is understood by everyone and evenly distributed and metered out properly is going to be a big deal. **Mr. Crook**, agrees with what Mr. Ramsey said. This policy is the first step this is their warning after that it is gone. Then ensuring that we enforce it. Its going to be a big adjustment. Is there a way we can do some reporting on this to ensure to people that they're actually enforcing it?

C. Handbook Modifications - Cell phones, head lice, outside deliveries, dress code, sign in and sign out, subject accelerations, what we transport on the bus, food safety, student placement, title one, athletic changes for the fans. **Mr. Collins**, want to thank Mr. Hampton and the administration this is the first time in the seven years I have been on the board that the handbook has been ready before the first day of school and actually available to review and approve.

Public Participation on Agenda Items –None

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

24-07-03: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 regular board meeting.

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

24-07-04: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the financial statement for the months ending June 30, 2024.

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

24-07-05: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the following transfers:

$1,132,251.89 from General Fund 001 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$63,138.03 from Title I 572-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$14,249.61 from Title II-A 590-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$7,763.80 from Title IV-A 584-9524 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$36,255.78 from IDEA-B 516-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$1,172.74 from ECSE 587-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124

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

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel/Employment Recommendation

24-07-06: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ Daniel Doseck as Asst. Principal for the Jr. High/High School, effective August 1, 2024 at the salary step 0 of the Administrative Salary Schedule, pending his meeting all state and local requirements.

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

24-07-07: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education accept the enclosed letter of resignation from Jamie Lutz, effective August 10, 2024.

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

24-07-08: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education the negotiated agreement with ALEA through September 1, 2027 and the administrative salary schedules.

Amend - Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education the negotiated agreement with ALEA through August 31, 2027 and the administrative salary schedules.

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

24-07-09: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Ramsey that the Board of Education agree to modify the salary schedules in the OAPSE negotiated agreement and non-union salary schedules, approved on June 26, 2024, to align with the ALEA negotiated agreement salary schedule.

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

24-07-10: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education grant a two-year contract to Larry Ball, Bus Driver.

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

24-07-11: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins 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:

Non-Certificated

Cory Bean, Asst. Varsity Football Talya Porter, Ticket Taker

Maghan Lunsford, Head Varsity Softball (correction from May minutes)

Shane Thompson, Golf Volunteer

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

24-07-12: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the renewal agreement submitted by The Nutrition Group for food service management services to

begin July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This is the third year of the agreement with up to two more 1-year renewals with mutual agreement.

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

24-07-13: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 Parent/Student Handbook, with changes as noted.

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

Board Policy Updates

24-07-14: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the following policies for inclusion into the Policy and Procedures Manual, as recommended by OSBA:

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

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

Business Initiated by Board Members - None
Board Reports - None
Public Participation –None

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

24-07-15: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Time: 8:46 P.M.

Board President

Treasurer