

MINUTES

Board of Education
Caruthersville School District No. 18
Administration Building

Regular Board Meeting
April 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Board members present for the meeting:

Lee Bethune
Jimmy Lyons
Tom McCall

Sandra Barnes
Teresa Tidwell
Joe Cagle (Virtual)

Staff members present for the meeting:

JJ Bullington – Superintendent
Rita Jones – Board Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Bethune, at 5:07 p.m.

****ALL VOTES CAST WERE DONE WITH A ROLL CALL****

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to approve the March 12, 2020 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Approval of Bills: Ms. Barnes made the motion to approve the transfer of sufficient funds from Fund 1 to Fund 2 to zero out any negative balances as bills and salaries are paid for the current month and to approve bills paid since the last board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyons and carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Financial Report: Ms. Bullington presented the “Cash Journal Status & Bank Reconciliation Report” as of March 31, 2020. Account balances were as follows: regular checking account: \$200,184.83; debt service checking account: \$211,391.63; CMS Athletic checking account: \$2,396.93; and CHS Athletic checking account: \$30,382.61; Sweep account: \$2,944,450.17.

Ms. Bullington provided a copy of the general ledger in its entirety.

Budget Amendments: Mr. Lyons made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Tidwell, to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Consent Agenda: Ms. Barnes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda.

a. Recognitions

- Mr. Bethune wants to say a thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in trying to reach out to students.

b. Communications and Correspondence

- Superintendent newsletter
- Memos/Press Releases
 - March 17 – Administration Memo
 - March 18 – Staff Memo
 - March 18 – Staff Memo/Press Release

- March 19 – Staff Memo
- March 31 - Staff Memo
- April 3 – Staff Memo/Press Release
- April 5 – Senior Memo
- April 14 – Staff memo/Press Release
- MSBA Correspondence Re: Virtual Meetings
- Paid sick leave: Expanded family and medical leave notice
- MSBA: Contractual Obligations and vendors
- c. Building level reports
 - Middle School Athletic Report
 - CMS Volleyball end of season report

Director of School
Services:

Mr. Gerling provided the Board with a written report over transportation, maintenance, technology, custodial, health, wellness and safety.

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Bullington provided the Board with a written report. Areas noted were:

- a. March ADA
 - Cumulative ADA
- b. March Enrollment
- c. High School Landscaping Plan
- d. Discipline Chart
- e. 2020 Graduation Parade Options

New Business:

- a. Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to approve the OPAA Food Service Management Agreement. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.
- b. Mr. McCall made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Tidwell, to approve the Middle School Football Co-Op. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.
- c. Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lyons to approve the continuance of pay for the regular/full-time bus drivers daily routes through the end of the scheduled school year. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.
- d. Graduation:
 - Ms. Bullington provided the Board with the email regarding the Seniors, Graduation, Instructional Plan for students failing classes.
 - April 3 Press release of the notice to students and parents regarding class assignments and final grades.
- e. Coaches/Extra Duty Pay/Stipends
 - Mr. McCall made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Tidwell, to approve paying the following stipends for work already performed and to have some type of summer camp when the social distancing is over.
 - CHS Baseball, Golf, Softball, Track and Weightlifting
 - CMS Baseball and Track

- f. Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lyons to approve the continuance of pay for the regular/full-time bus drivers daily routes through the end of the scheduled school year. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.
- g. Ms. Bullington provided the Board with the e-mail sent to the Caruthersville Police Department regarding the SRO payments. We will not be paying the April and May payments due to the school being out of session.
- h. Alternative Instructional methods/Grading Policy/Senior Requirements
 - Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the Amended Graduation Policy for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.
- i. Mrs. Tidwell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the addition of the following CHS courses:
 - Accounting I and II
 - AP Macro/Microeconomics
 - Introduction to Business
 - Fundamentals of Marketing/Advanced Marketing
 - Fashion Merchandising/Sports and Entertainment Marketing
 - Child Development I and II (formerly Interpersonal Relationships)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Tidwell and seconded by Mr. Lyons and carried 6 yeas – 0 nay.

Adjournment time: 6:07 p.m.

Approved: _____

Board President: _____

Board Secretary: _____