

**WEBB CITY R-7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 8, 2019**

Present Lisa Robinson, William Roderique, Dan McGrew, Jason Woodmansee, Jeanne Newby and David Collard

Absent: Kevin Crane

The regular meeting of the Webb City R-7 Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 411 North Madison, Webb City, Missouri by Lisa Robinson, President. Dan McGrew gave the invocation.

Guests at the meeting included R-7 administrators Dr. Anthony Rossetti, Dr. Trey Moeller, Dr. Kevin Cooper, Dr. Brenten Byrd; R-7 school district employee Shawn Mayes.

Approve Amended Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a resignation and 8. E. surplus property and remove the treasurer's statement from the calendar of consent items. A motion was made by Jeanne Newby to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Dan McGrew and was unanimously approved.

Calendar of Consent

A motion was made by William Roderique to approve the calendar of consent. The motion was seconded by David Collard and was unanimously approved.

Bills for Payment

David Collard made a motion to approve for payment bills covered by Check Nos. 92243 through 92455. The motion was seconded by Dan McGrew and was unanimously approved.

Athletic Eligibility

A couple of students currently being home schooled addressed the Board regarding eligibility to participate in athletics during the 2019-2020 school year. The current district policy only allows full time students to participate. The Board considered the possibility earlier in the year but decided to stay with the current policy.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Rossetti shared with the Board we had fifteen applicants for the position of assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Four interviews were conducted. Three were from outside the district one in house. He recommended to the Board Dr. Brenten Byrd for the position of assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Dr. Byrd is currently serving as the Director of Student Services. David Collard made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by William Roderique and was unanimously approved.

Resignation: Ginger

Ashley Ginger, sixth grade reading at the middle school, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. A motion was made by David Collard to accept her letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Dan McGrew and was unanimously approved.

Director of Student Services

Dr. Byrd discussed with the Board concerns about the increase in behavior issues with students. The district addresses those behaviors through behavior intervention support teams. We currently have five students placed at Beacon which is very costly. He has been visiting with Crowder College. They have a behavior specialist. A possible alternative for behavior issues would be using the Franklin building to work on skills with student before they need to be placed at Beacon. Also, those students who are ready to transition from Beacon back to the district could go to Franklin as a transition before being placed back in their regular classroom. The behavior specialist would work alongside a teacher and two aides we would need to implement the new program.

Heritage

Dr. Cooper shared with the Board the new addition at Heritage has been completed. The kids were in the new classrooms on Monday. He shared with the Board pictures of the new rooms and an open house will be held in February.

Mark Twain

Dr. Cooper reported to the Board the new flooring at Mark Twain has been installed. Previously the hallways and rooms were very dark. The new flooring has really lightened the building up.

Lights

Dr. Cooper reported the new LED lights have been installed at the girls and boys' gyms at the high school. Bills Electric completed the project over Christmas break. Other lighting projects to be considered in the future are the middle school gym, junior high gym, football stadium, auto body, pool and Mark Twain.

Facility Long Range Plan

Incite Designs has begun their analysis of our facilities. Last Thursday and Friday Dr. Cooper took them to some of the buildings to do measurements of the rooms. They will be completing demographic and traffic studies as well. They will be meeting with several groups to receive input on long range plans for the district.

Surplus Property

Dr. Cooper reported to the Board he was contacted by Adam Bell the new district technology director about disposing of some old desk top computers, projectors and smart boards. Dr. Cooper asked the Board to declare the items as surplus property. David Collard made a motion to declare the items mentioned as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Jason Woodmansee and was unanimously approved.

Audit

Dr. Rossetti provided the Board with a copy of the district audit completed by KPM CPAS & Advisors at the December board meeting. There were no significant findings. A motion was made by William Roderique to approve the audit. The motion was seconded by David Collard and was unanimously approved.

Staffing FY20

Dr. Rossetti shared with the Board some possible positions needed for the 2019-2020 school year. Looking at the current enrollment for our fifth grade classes we will need to add two additional teachers for sixth grade next year. An increase in enrollment at Webster will require an additional second grade teacher. With an increase of students in special education classes at the high school another teacher will be needed.

Update on Roofing Projects

After an eighteen month long process of negotiation the insurance claim for roof damage sustained in a May 2017 hail storm has been completed. The district will receive \$4.5 million. The Board will meet to discuss how to proceed.

ECSE Bus Lease

Dr. Rossetti recommended to the Board leasing three buses. The buses would be leased from Central State at a total cost of \$88,000 per year. The buses would be used for our early childhood special education students. The buses would be leased for three years and the funds will be reimbursed by the state. The buses we are currently using to transport our early childhood students can be added back into our main fleet. On a motion made by David Collard and seconded by Jason Woodmansee the Webb City R-7 Board of Education has unanimously approved the annual payment of \$29,390.00 for three new 2020 Blue Bird school buses.

Executive Session

William Roderique made a motion to enter into executive session. Meeting to be closed under Section 610.021, Subsection (3) RSMo, for the purpose of hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees with the minutes to be closed to public examination. Jason Woodmansee seconded the motion. Voting "yes" Mr. Roderique, Mr. Collard, Mr. McGrew, Mr. Woodmansee, Mrs. Newby and Mrs. Robinson.

Adjourn Executive Session & Return to Regular Session

A motion was made by William Roderique to adjourn executive session and return to regular session. Dan McGrew seconded the motion. Voting "yes" Mr. Roderique, Mr. Collard, Mr. McGrew, Mr. Woodmansee, Mrs. Newby and Mrs. Robinson.

Recommendation for Extension of Contracts

A motion was made by Dave Collard to extend Dr. Rossetti, Superintendent of Schools contract through 2022. The motion was seconded by Jason Woodmansee and was unanimously approved. A motion was made by William Roderique to extend Dr. Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations contract through 2020. The motion was seconded by David Collard and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Cheryl Chaney, Secretary
Webb City R-7 Board of Education