

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018 AT WHITEBEAD SCHOOL, 16476 NORTH COUNTY ROAD 3200, PAULS VALLEY, OK AT 6:30 P.M.

President Tillery called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Members present were Everett Plummer, Jess Patton and Ed Tillery.

Guest: Laura Holmgren-Ganz with The Center for Education Law

President Tillery welcomed those present and read the guidelines for public participation in the open meeting.

Superintendent Wood gave a statement concerning the incident which occurred January 25, 2018 and what was done following the incident. Wood also gave a statement about safety measures that have been discussed and those already in place. She explained Walkie Talkies are used for ease of communication and doors are to be kept locked. She expressed the need for additional cameras, possibly buzz-in doors, safety training for staff and students and establishing a safety committee.

President Tillery opened up the community forum for public comment and input concerning Whitebead School Safety.

Sheriff Larry Rhodes commented that he was there to listen to concerns and offer his help.

The following is a list of comments from the community regarding school safety concerns; Parents would like to know what will be done moving forward and have some kind of timeline for the progress. The need for a buzz-in front door was a request from most community participants. Parents would like better communication and more updates regarding school issues. Several parents expressed the need to update the student handbook as pertaining to threats of violence. Parents would like to know what procedures are in place in the event there is a school threat and what safety drills students are doing to be prepared. More safety education for students is needed and students should be informed that they are not to open locked doors for anyone. It was noted that the teachers need to be informed of specific threats so they can be aware. The need for more parent involvement and educating children about not tolerating violent threats was expressed. Looking in to grants to fund school safety was also suggested. Several of the parents expressed appreciation to the school and the sheriff's department for what was done to keep people informed and the children safe.

With no further comments coming from the community Tillery closed the community forum and the Board thanked them for coming.

Plummer made the motion to approve the contract with One Net for internet services for school year 18/19 with Patton making 2nd and Tillery yes.

Patton made the motion to adjourn at 7:06pm with Plummer making 2nd and Tillery yes.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Rich