

Hoxie Public School

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

The Hoxie School Board met for their regular school board meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 with all members present. President Romine called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Coach Brown presented the Softball Team to the board. He informed the board that the girls ended the season with a record of 18-11. They were runner-up in the blended Conference (3A-4A teams); 3A3 Conference Champions; Runner-up in the 3A District; Runner-up in the Regional; and played in the State Tournament. This is the first time that a fast pitch team from Hoxie has gone to state. Jaden Brown made All-State; and Jarah Jones made All-State Tournament Team. Five girls made All-Conference: Jarah Jones, Jaden Brown, Kaitlin Henson, Mackenzie Orrick, and Katie Romine.

A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Coats, with a unanimous decision, to accept the minutes as read from the April regular meeting.

The financial report was presented to the board by Mrs. Gillham, with Superintendent Baker in attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept the financial report as presented.

Mrs. Gillham, alongside Superintendent Baker, informed the board that there are 38 students that have requested to attend Hoxie Public School by Freedom of Choice. Upon Mrs. Gillham's recommendation a motion was made by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to accept the Freedom of Choice applicants for the 2018-19 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision to accept the resignations of the following employees: Shelly Davis – high school math; Pam Benham – cafeteria; Amber Benesch – elementary paraprofessional; Chris Irvin – bus driver; Drew Gardner – elementary athletic director; Vickie Romine – high school cheer coach.

With the recommendation of Mrs. Gillham, a motion was made by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Coats, with a unanimous decision to renew a three-year contract with SG360 cleaning company.

The school received a grant to start a criminal justice program in the 2018-19 school year. The grant is to be used for supplies necessary for the program. Mrs. Gillham recommended that we hire SRO Terry J. Marlin to teach the Criminal Justice Program. A motion was made by Mr. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a 4-1 (Mr. Romine voting no) vote to hire Officer Marlin to teach the class 2 periods of the day of which he will be paid BSC salary for those classes.

Mrs. Gillham recommended to the board that we adopt the Health and Wellness Policy, as read, for the Student Lunch Program. A motion was made by Mr. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous, to adopt the Health and Wellness Policy.

Mrs. Gillham gave the administrative report for the High School and Elementary. Mrs. Gates was absent due to the Kindergarten graduation. (copy attached)

Mrs. Gillham recommended to the board that they hire two teachers for the 2018-2019 school year on a probationary status: Tina Cruce for high school Agri; and Marva Ratliff as high school math. She also recommended that they hire Mary Grant as fulltime cafeteria worker. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to hire the three persons for the 2018-2019 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept the Special Education Budget of \$216,835.12 as read.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business:

A copy of fixed assets, that we need to remove from our system, was presented to the board. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Dobbs, with a unanimous decision, to delete the fixed assets as presented.

Superintendent Baker recommended to the board that we put Robert Stevens on a 240-day contract instead of the 205-day contract he has now. If we give him a 240-day contract, we will not need to hire a helper for Darrell Parks during the summer. A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mr. Dobbs, with a unanimous decision, to extend Robert's contract to 240 days.

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Superintendent Baker informed the board that we failed to give Mustang Camp employees a 1% raise as we did the other non-certified employees. A motion was made by Mr. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. Coats, with a unanimous decision to allow a 1% raise for Mustang Camp employees.

Superintendent Baker recommended to the board that we raise the hourly pay of Ed Romine to \$9.00 an hour. He does a great job is always willing to do what he can for the school. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Coats, with a unanimous decision, to raise his pay to \$9.00 an hour.

Superintendent Baker recommended to the board that they go into executive session at 7:14 P.M. to discuss high school principal position. Upon returning to open session there was no action taken.

The board returned to regular session at 8:20 P.M.

At 8:20 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Dobbs, with a unanimous decision, to adjourn the meeting.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date