

May 18, 2020 Board Meeting Summary

The May 18, 2020 meeting of the Brewton City Board of Education was conducted at 5:02 PM on Zoom and livestreamed on youtube live. The Zoom meeting was managed by Technology Coordinator Bret Dehoff. Participants included board members Mark Manning, Regina Watson, Bart Till, and Ann Peach. Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Varner and CSFO Samantha Sanks were also participants. Board Attorney Broox Garrett was also in attendance.

On a motion by Regina Watson and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 20, 2020 board meeting.

Dr. Varner presented the April 2020 financial report to the board and indicated that the general fund had a balance of 2.86 months' equivalence. He also indicated that the board had received 75% of the current year's PSF funds. He expressed concern about future budgets being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and its effect on income/sales taxes.

Dr. Varner then introduced a policy regarding student drug testing. He indicated that input had been received from the administration, head coach and board attorney. As required, this policy will lay on the table for public input until the June 15 board meeting when it will be recommended for approval. Multiple board members indicated that they had questions that they would present at a later time. After some discussion, the board agreed to schedule a workshop the week of May 25 to discuss the policy proposal in depth.

Personnel Action, Current Employees:

On a motion by Regina Watson and second by Bart Till, the board unanimously approved the following personnel actions for current employees:

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

1. TRANSFER

Amber Dunaway - BES 3rd to BES/BMS Gifted
Alisa Thomas - BMS Elementary to TRM Guidance

2. RETAIN

Samantha Brown - BES Special Education
Jennifer Hall - BES Art
Becky O'Neil - BES Intervention, part time
Beth Robinson - BES Elementary
Ryan Shell - TRM Career Prep
Brett Chancery - BMS Math
Landon Lasseter - BES Physical Education
Norman Dean - TRM Social Studies
Danny Carpenter - TRM Spanish

Debbie Stokes - BES Assistant Principal
Leslie Barger - BES Elementary
Brent Hubbert - TRM Head Football Coach/AD
Kelly Hubbert - BMS Elementary
Holly Bell - BMS Elementary
Tammy Alford - BMS Library Media
Dustin Kennedy - BMS Social Studies
Ashley Salter - TRM Math
Emily Fowler - TRM Science
Scott Hethcox - TRM Science

3. TENURE – CONTINUING SERVICE STATUS

Nancee Dehoff - BES Elementary
Jessica Butts - BMS Elementary

4. RESIGNATION

Karen Whitt - BES Elementary

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

5. RETAIN

Tabitha Barlow - BES Pre-K Auxiliary
Melanie Blackmon - BES Instructional Aide/LPN
Rebecca Jones - BES CNP
Heather Smith - BES Instructional Aide
Kim Hart - BMS Instructional Aide
Elizabeth Knowles - TRM Secretary
Samara Campbell - TRM Nurse
Mark Welle - CO Grounds Maintenance
Greg White - CO Bus Driver

6. TENURE – CONTINUING SERVICE STATUS

Tiffany Madden - BES Secretary
Joy Baggett - CO Accounts Payable

7. TERMINATION

Patricia Smith - BES Instructional Aide
Richard Robinson -CO Bus Driver

Personnel Action, New Hires:

On a motion by Bart Till and second by Regina Watson, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Amber Lambert as Elementary Teacher at Brewton Elementary School.

On a motion by Bart Till and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Mallory Booker as Elementary Teacher at Brewton Elementary School.

On a motion by Regina Watson and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Lindsay Skinner as Elementary Teacher at Brewton Elementary School.

On a motion by Regina Watson and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Misty Woodham as Elementary Teacher at Brewton Middle School.

On a motion by Ann Peach and second by Bart Till, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Amanda Waguespack as Elementary Teacher at Brewton Middle School.

On a motion by Bart Till and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Andy Lambert as Physical Education Teacher at Brewton Middle School.

On a motion by Regina Watson and second by Ann Peach, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Claude Dubose as Custodian at TR Miller High School.

The Superintendent provided updates related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Discussion included collection of school work and technology devices, the meal distribution program, reopening campuses, extracurricular activities, and graduation ceremonies. After discussion, board members were supportive of moving forward with planning a graduation ceremony with proper safeguards and support services in place.

The Superintendent provided updates on legislative actions that affect the school system including the status of the ETF budget, the capital bond issue (\$1.1 million), and the Advancement in Technology Fund (\$274,000).

The superintendent provided the board with a summary of the professional development activities he has engaged in during this calendar year.

The superintendent declared that the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be on June 15, 2020.

Regina Watson and Mark Manning were nominated by Ann Peach to serve as Board President and Vice-president, respectively. Bart Till seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mark Manning and second by Bart Till, Board President Regina Watson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.