

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, January 23, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:00 p.m. Bruce Roebuck offered opening prayer.

*Members present: Gaylon Branton, Bruce Roebuck, Angella Dancer, Robert Spalding. It was determined there were enough members present for a quorum.*

*Administration present: Scotty Van Worth*

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time, and Robert Spalding moved to approve the minutes from the December 2022 Soper School Board meeting. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Visitors Angela Martin and Adelene Cheatham were welcomed by all.

Jarod Lundry reported to the board regarding Kiamichi Technology Center.

Bruce Roebuck moved to approve adjunct teacher Rebecca Ludlow with Kiamichi Technology Center in Anatomy and Physiology.

The superintendent's report was given by Dr. Scotty Van Worth. He informed the board about all of the pipes that broke during the holiday break and the subsequent water leaks. All of them were able to be repaired, but one class room did require the flooring to be replaced. He stated that the new roof is still leaking and expressed his dissatisfaction with how the roofers were handling the situation. He reminded the board that several classrooms will need to be repaired as soon as he is assured that the leaks have been fixed. Angella Dancer suggested a letter from the board members be sent to the company if things do not improve soon. Dr. Van Worth reported that Mrs. Jeffreys had applied for a Stronger Connections grant and it was approved. This grant totals approximately \$200,000 and will be used for things like new and more secure doors throughout campus, the next four years of salary for new hire Patrick Funderburk, elementary playground equipment and much more. Lastly, he stated that Impact Aid report was due this month, board elections were coming up on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and that

the state of the finances were currently fantastic. Robert Spalding inquired about the new ISS program. Dr. Van Worth replied that it is going well and that Mr. Funderburk was doing a great job in this position.

Gaylon Branton moved to approve the General Fund encumbrances 271-294 and payroll encumbrance 70130-70131 as well as checks. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Tina Jeffreys and Parker Harless were not present for the principal reports, but Dr. Van Worth stated that discipline is better, basketball season is wrapping up and preparations for spring testing are about to begin.

Robert Spalding motioned to approve the two USDA grants and to table the bids. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Robert Spalding made a motion to convene in executive session with regard to the principals' contracts. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, and Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye. Visitors were dismissed and executive session began at 7:52 p.m.

Angella Dancer acknowledged the Board's return to Open Session at 8:32 p.m. and stated that in executive session the following topic was discussed: principals' contracts.

Gaylon Branton moved to approve principals' contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Robert Spalding made a motion to approve the InterQuest contract. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Angella Dancer motioned to approve the letter of resignation for Sheri Cartwright, who left in December 2022. Her position has been filled with Cassie Campbell. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

Angella Dancer made a motion to table the school calendar for the 2023-20224 school year. Robert Spalding seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye.

There were no new purchase requests.

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gaylon Branton and was seconded by Angella Dancer. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding.

Adjourned 8:44 p.m.

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