Minutes of Imboden Area Charter School

The regular June/July Meeting was rescheduled due to the Covid- 19 Crisis and held at 6:00 PM, Monday, July 20, 2020, at the Imboden Area Charter School, 605 West Third Street, Imboden, Arkansas.

Board members present were Scott Rorex, Shea Flanery and Jean Ann Dugger. Director Matthew Wells was also present.

President Jean Ann Dugger Presiding:

Director Matthew Wells’ report:

* Mr. Wells explained the current state of affairs in dealing with the ongoing Covid- 19 pandemic. The school start date was scheduled for August 17, 2020, however the Governor recently announced that schools may not open until August 24, 2020. At the advice of our Eschool representative, the schedule has not yet been altered to reflect the Governor’s start date. More action will be taken when the matter becomes definitive.
* Mr. Wells detailed a number of possibilities that could occur in dealing with the Covid- 19 crisis. DESE has suggested offering a blended learning model that incorporates traditional classroom instruction as well as online digital content. The Center for Disease Control continues to insist upon the wearing of masks, and adequate social distancing. The prospect of using the additional SPED building was discussed as a possible means of providing adequate social distancing, moving two classes to the other building while keeping two classes in the main building. Transportation is another issue that is being considered. Depending upon the CDC recommendations, running both buses with separate routes may be necessary.
* Projected enrollment figures are at 50.
* Mr. Wells discussed the official publication of the school’s annual Financial Audit. No findings were identified.
* Mr. Wells recommended the renewal of contracts for Elizabeth Scales as Payroll Clerk, Natalie Kingery as SPED Director, and Belinda Hollis as Assistant Director. Motion made by Jean Ann Dugger and seconded by Shea Flanery to renew contracts. Motion passed 3 to 0.
* Mr. Wells explained the surrogate parent program as part of SPED. Brian Kingery has volunteered to assume the role of surrogate parent if needed.
* Mr. Wells discussed the summer cleaning projects and the status of the building. Everything is going very well thus far, and is scheduled for completion by the end of July.
* Mr. Wells presented updates to policy as recommended by ASBA. Policies 1.9, 1.11, 1.18, 3.19, 3.26, 3.38, 3.49, 4.2, 4.6, 4.8, 4.11, 4.17, 4.18, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.24, 4.27, 4.28, 4.30, 4.31, 4.37, 4.39, 4.43, 4.45, 4.47, 4.55, 4.57, 5.2, 5.11, 5.15, 5.20, 5.21, 5.22, 5.26, 5.27, 5.28, 6.11, 6.12, 7.5, 7.15, 8.13, 8.20, and 8.26 were all updated. Motion made by Jean Ann Dugger and seconded by Scott Rorex to approve the recommended changes. Motion passed 3 to 0.
* The Board entered executive session at 6:45pm to complete the Director’s Evaluation.
* The Board returned from executive session at 7pm.

Motion made by Jean Ann Duggar and seconded by Scott Rorex to approve Action Agenda. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Shea Flanery and seconded by Jean Ann Duggar to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Scott Rorex, Secretary Date