Minutes of Imboden Area Charter School

The regular March Meeting was was rescheduled and held Thursday April 26th, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at Imboden Area Charter School, 605 West Third Street, Imboden, Arkansas.

Board members present were Johnny Sykes, Blake Clements, Mike McLeod, Scott Rorex, and George Morris. Director Matthew Wells and Mayor of Black Rock Zack Wilson were also present.

President George Morris Presiding:

Director Matthew Wells’ report:

* Current enrollment figures are at 60.
* Mayor Wilson of Black Rock presented information to the Board regarding rental of the former Black Rock High School building. The board will consider the proposal, but further information regarding costs of monthly utilities will be necessary for making a definitive decision. Mayor Wilson will meet with his staff in hopes of presenting the Board with a proposal including rent, and all utilities. The Board tabled the proposal until further information is available.
* Mr. Wells presented the Board with information regarding Governor Sanders- Huckabee’s new LEARNS Act. The group discussed the new learning standards briefly with the overall feeling that the new Act would benefit our students in regard to summative testing scores. The second portion of the new Act raises all teacher salaries to a minimum of $50,000.00 annually. That said, all prior salary schedules will become null and void and a new salary schedule will need to be developed. Mr. Wells asked the Board for suggestions with development and received no suggestions. All parties will consider options and present at April’s Board meeting. The issue was tabled for the time being.
* Mr. Wells announced to the Board that K/1 teacher Elizabeth Scales, and 6/7/8 teacher Katrine Thomas would be resigning at the end of the school year, thus creating a need for new staff. The Board accepted both teacher’s resignations and wished them the best in their future endeavors.
* Mr. Wells asked the Board for approval to renew contracts for Natalie Kingery, Megan Carey, Bobby Matthews, Eunice Alderson, Tosha Hardin, Ann Vance, and Paula Wagner for the 2023-24 school year. Contracts will not be printed or issued until a final salary schedule is developed, however Mr. Wells sought approval to renew and lock in a partial staff for next year. Motion made by George Morris and seconded by Johnny Sykes to renew contracts, motion passed 5 to 0.
* Mr. Wells presented a contract to renew services with NEA Therapy Providers for the 2023-24 school year. Motion made by George Morris and seconded by Mike McLeod to renew the Therapy contract for 2023-24. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by George Morris and seconded by Johnny Sykes to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Scott Rorex, Secretary Date