

Big Sandy District Accountability Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m.

Charges for 2019-20

1. Continue to monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate.
 2. Provide input on the accreditation process as needed.
 3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional, and Facilities Committee.
 4. Review our Safe Schools Plan.
- A. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Tucker at 3:00 p.m.
- B. Election of Student Officers: President will be Taylor Warnecke; Vice President will be Molly Braun; and Secretary/Treasurer will be Andy Closson.
- C. Board/School Reports
1. Board-Thanks to everyone for coming today. We are Accredited with Distinction for the third year in a row. This award was given to 20 districts out of 178 in the state. At this time, our enrollment is up about 16 students. School started later this year because we will be going a week later due to state track. Thanksgiving break will be a whole week. Kindergarten is all day this year and is fully funded. There are 28 students in kindergarten. We had our audit this year. Carman and Danni did an excellent job as always. Our district was also selected to be audited on Title monies, and this audit went well too. Labor Day in the park went well and was well attended. New access points were replaced throughout the school. Staff reported that the internet accessibility is much better. The Raptor system was also purchased with the safety grant money. Sherman foundation gave our district money (\$86,000) to begin our new music program. The Lasaters also donated money to help fund different vocational programs in our school. Concerning the school board, we have 3 members who are up for reelection. Two are term limited and cannot run again. We have 3 people running for the positions, so we will not need to have an election. New staff were introduced.
 2. Elementary-The new school year is off to a great start. In the elementary, we have a total of 168 students, PreK-5th grade. We have added three new staff members that will be working with elementary students: Mrs. Zimmerman in first grade, Mrs. Lally in special education, and Miss Richer in music. Thirty students participated in the Summer Calendar Activity and received an extra recess and snack. CMAS scores were received from the state, and the elementary scored above the state in 7 out of 8 areas. For the third year in a row, our district received the honor of "Accredited with Distinction." We will be having a celebration to honor this achievement. On Sept. 28th, our elementary students, K-5, will be singing the National Anthem at the Rockies game. Other upcoming elementary activities are: parent night, book fair, parent/teacher conferences, and reading month.

3. Secondary-Secondary is off to a great start as well. Homecoming will be on October 4-5, and the theme is “Now Showing: A Cub’s Victory”. Fall sports is off to a great start. Tomorrow, applications are due for the Cub’s Crew which is a leadership group. Senior auction went well, and they are making plans for their trip in May. There is a new security measure in the office. All who desire to be admitted into the building will need to bring their driver’s license, and it will print out a visitor’s badge.
- D. 2018-2019 Year End Report-This report was handed out to all members.
- E. Kid’s Korner-FBLA officers went to a leadership conference today. The art club is making plates for an organ donor fundraiser. Homecoming is underway. The high school play will be in November. NHS is planning bullying assemblies. HS Matchwits has 2 matches in September. November’s match will be at our school.
1. Key Communicators-CR is back in full swing providing activities to elementary through high school. Elbert County Connect is a community-wide youth group that will meet and do various activities together. On Oct. 12, teams will be going to Dare 2 Share Live. Kathy Barnett represented the Simla library. Rebecca Ververs was hired to be the outreach coordinator. The library will be developing new and exciting programs for all community members.
- F. Title I-The Consolidated Application was turned in, and we receive about \$40,000. We spend that money on maintaining small class sizes. Vocation and Transportation reports were also turned in this summer.
1. Preschool-We have 28 students currently, and we are trying to teach them the rules. Two slots are open at this time.
 2. Nutrition- Linda is still our cook. Laura and Jenny are also helping in the kitchen.
 3. Facilities Updates-We had more hail damage this summer. Rod and custodians have done a great job keeping things up to date and looking nice.
- G. Safe Schools Plan-Emergency Operations Plan has been updated. Our school works well with the Simla police and fire department. We had a lock down drill and a fire drill so far this year. There were no workmen’s comp claims last year.
- H. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.