

Big Sandy November Accountability Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022

- I. Ryann called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- II. Board/School Reports
 - a. Board-Oscar is currently clearing the tumbleweeds from the school grounds. Carman turned in our finances into CDE today. We have about \$280,000 more money than we had budgeted last year. The governor will be coming out with his plan for next year, and he allotted more money per student. This means that next year, we will receive about \$400,000 more. Our school was awarded money to buy three electric school buses. We have been receiving a lot of phone calls asking about these buses. Mr. Dole sent out specs to bus companies this week. At the end of next week, we will hopefully choose which company to go with to order the buses. Mr. Dole will be retiring at the end of this year. We have had one applicant for the position. Mr. Braun moved out of district, so he resigned his position. The Board will appoint someone for the position. We have had two letters of interest, so the Board will interview these two individuals at the next meeting. Oil has been discovered in Elbert County, so this has increased revenue. Mrs. Ethridge congratulated the volleyball and football teams on their success.
 - b. Elementary-Attendance rate for the first quarter was 95.4%. Attendance awards were passed out on Friday. We have recently had a lot of sickness in the elementary. October was read aloud month, and we had over 88 students participate while earning a free recess and a treat bag. Halloween parties and parade went well. Trunk or treat had a great showing from parents and the community. Many businesses/organizations were represented such as Hamacher Well Works, Crossroads, Thrift store, Elbert County Sheriff's Dept., Simla police, and Simla fire department. We appreciate all of the support for our students! Parent/teacher conferences went well. The book fair began last week, and as always, Mrs. Montague does an exceptional job providing this for students. Tomorrow is Grandparent's Day, and we are expecting over 118 grandparents. We are excited to be able to be able to host this event again. Grandparents will be here until noon and will have the opportunity to take their picture with their grandchildren, visit the book fair, eat refreshments during recess, and lunch together with their grandchildren. The elementary Christmas program will be on December 7th, and the FBLA will be serving a chili supper before for students and their families.
 - c. Secondary-Attendance rate was good for the first quarter. Football will play Holly on Saturday. Volleyball will play on Thursday at 12:30 pm and then at 6:30 pm, if they win. A spirit bus will take students to the game as long as fifteen or more students ride. Drama performs tonight, and junior high will be next week. Esports is close to qualifying for state playoffs. On Nov.18, Ryann will be signing to play for NJC. Teachers will begin MAPS testing in December. Spirit has been really exciting in the high school. Nine girls will participate in state cheer in December. It will be a dance/pom competition. There will also be a

choir/band concern, and wrestling will begin. A basketball Holiday Hoops tournament will take place in December as well.

III. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators

- a. Kid's Korner-STUCO will have a spirit activity next Tuesday during activity period. We will play different games in a relay. Esports members have really improved over the season. Band is working on their solos for the concert. Three songs will be played with the junior high band. Football won this last week-48 to 0. We will play Holly on Saturday and win. FBLA induction dinner was held last week, and members are working on their events. Drama play is tonight. It is a murder-mystery. Volleyball won regionals, and we will be playing Otis again on Thursday. True Sport met, and everything is going good there. There will be a pep rally tomorrow at 2:30 pm for football and volleyball. Homecoming went well.
- b. Key Communicators-No community members were present.

IV. Title I/Preschool/Vocational

- a. Title 1-Nothing to new to mention.
- b. Preschool-Three more students were able to get funded which will be about \$18,000 more money this year. Currently, there are 29 preschool students.
- c. Vocational-Several superintendents are meeting to look at various vocational programs around the state.

V. Nutritional Committee-Two new ice machines were bought for the kitchen along with a new cooler.

VI. Teacher/Principal//Para Performance Evaluations-No questions on the rubrics. JT made the motion to approve the evaluation tools. Dalton seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Facilities-Shades were installed in the gym and in the cafeteria. They are motorized. The parking lot cracks have been filled. The HVAC is not quite done, and drywall is being replaced in the basement.

VIII. School Safety- Fentanyl deaths have increased, so we now have Narcan available if needed.

IX. Ryann adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Charges for 2022-2023

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. Monitor School Safety Plan

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2022.