November 14, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Big Sandy Board of Education was called to order by President Maranville at 7:17 p.m. Those members present were Ethridge, Lutz, Maranville, and Sotomayor. Member Mitchell was absent. Also present were Secretary Hankins, Superintendent Wilson, and Principals Swennes and Tucker.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Ethridge made the motion, seconded by Member Sotomayor to approve the minutes from the October 18th regular meeting. Members voted as follows: Ethridge aye, Lutz aye, Maranville aye, and Sotomayor aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The American Legion had no one in attendance at the last meeting.
- Election certification should be done the end of November or early December, but likely will be December, then board reorganization will occur.
- HH failed
- II passed which means more monies for preschool.
- Governor's budget review.

PBOCES REPORT:

• Looking into partnering with a company that could train students to use heavy machinery.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: NONE

CONSENT MOTION:

- A. Approve Addition to the Substitute Teacher List (Heather Schriner)
- B. Approve Overnight Stay (Volleyball Team, November 9, 10)
- C. Approve Hiring Paraprofessional (Rachel Augen)

BOARD ACTION: Consider/Approval Consent Agenda Items A-C; Member Lutz made the motion, seconded by Member Ethridge to approve. Members voted as follows: Ethridge aye, Lutz aye, Maranville aye, and Sotomayor aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MRS. TUCKER:

- APEX student was approved for residential placement.
- New Para will be in preschool the first hour of the day and then will go to elementary.
- Elementary Special Education reporting received an "Excellent" rating with PPBOCES.

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Veterans Day assembly went well, each class did some type of art project for the event.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL MRS. SWENNES:

- The 15th is the high school drama performance.
- Junior high drama performance is December 5th.

- True Sport Symposium was informative, giving information on the mental health side of sports.
- Have had a few discipline issues and one stealing incident recently.
- Veterans Day assembly was great, thank you to all who contributed.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR SWENNES:

- Congratulations to the volleyball team for their second place at the State tournament.
- Football team will play in the semi-finals Saturday the 18th, if they win they will play Friday the 24th for the Championship.
- Weight certification for the wrestling team was today.
- Cheer dance team hired a choreographer and they will be competing in the state competition on December 9th.
- Junior high basketball is underway.

SUPERINTENDENT MR. WILSON:

- Winning the Governor's science award was a nice surprise, especially special since we were the only school district to have 2 schools qualify.
- Next year science will be included in performance reviews.
- Water testing found 4 areas not in compliance, they will have signage on them stating that they are not for drinking.
- Hot lunch budget review.
- Budget review.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: NONE

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Thank you to Nancy, Scott, and Tika for all of their dedication and service on the board for the betterment of our school. Thanks also to Nancy for the Taco Bar and to Mrs. Wilson for the pecan pie.

EXAMINATION, INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS: Member Sotomayor made the motion, seconded by Member Ethridge to approve all claims and accounts. Members voted as follows: Ethridge aye, Lutz aye, Maranville aye, and Sotomayor aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: President Maranville adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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Nancy Sotomayor, Secretary/Treasurer

Chad Maranville, President