

## Big Sandy School District Accountability Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

- I. Mrs. Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- II. Officer Elections
  - a. President-Nominations are: Morgan Swennes, Treven Kocerha. Members voted. Morgan Swennes will be our 2024-25 president.
  - b. Vice President-Nominations are: Treven Kocerha, Teague Jones, Reese Baker, Kelsi Harr. Treven Kocerha will be our 2024-25 vice president.
  - c. Secretary-Nominations are: Teague Jones, Reese Baker, Kelsi Harr. Kelsi Harr will be our 2024-25 secretary.
- III. Board/School Reports
  - a. Board-It looks like we will have over \$300,000 to carry over. Our district received “Accredited with Distinction.” Only sixteen schools received this rating, and we are the sixth in the state academically. Because of this rating, we will not have to fill out a UIP this year. Over the summer, all electric vehicle chargers were installed...some are high level and some moderate. Preschool students are being offered free lunches before or after their school. Mountain View will be offering fiber soon to residents which will be much faster than our current provider. Several teachers have received grants to help pay for classroom supplies. School board members are: Mrs. Book, Curtis Stanko, Hank Smith, Chad Maranville, and Greg Mitchell. Mr. Wilson explained the meaning of Title IX along with some of the current issues that exist today. BOCES is working on building a vocational center on Judge Orr Road. Our enrollment is up by two students from last year. Budget is in good shape. Homecoming went well, and the floats were great! Some feedback was to move the parade time to 10 am, so that will be considered next year. The Board is reviewing several policies.
  - b. Elementary-Thank you to everyone for being flexible with our meeting changes. We’ve had a great start to the year, and we are already at the end of the first quarter. Two new teachers were added to our staff in first, Mrs. Norris, and third, Miss Lane. Both are doing a great job so far. Our first Cub’s Den meeting was held last month, and students taught on Kindness. This month, our theme is Perseverance. Fifth graders have been doing a great job teaching and leading our elementary. We are extremely proud of our teachers and students for receiving the highest rating of “Performance” on our School Performance Frameworks and then “Accredited with Distinction” for the whole district. We will be having a celebration on Friday. Homecoming went well in the elementary. We’ve started having opportunities for third, fourth, and fifth graders to earn spirit points. They are thoroughly enjoying the competition. The end of the first quarter is on Friday. That’s hard to believe. Upcoming events are: parent/teacher conferences on Oct. 21, Grandparent’s Day on Oct 23, and Trunk or Treat/parties on Oct. 31.
  - c. Secondary-Homecoming was great and a good follow up after some tough times. We will be having an assembly on Friday to celebrate our frameworks ranking.

Seniors will be going to a college fair tomorrow. Secondary parent/teacher conferences will be held in conjunction with the elementary parent/teacher conferences on October 21. Picture day will be held tomorrow. Choir performance will be held tomorrow night, and drama will be presenting on October 25. Miss Trowbridge had several students audition and make the honor choir. JH football season has ended. JH VB season ends next Saturday. It has been a good, quick first quarter.

IV. Kid's Korner, Key Communicators

- a. Kid's Korner-Cross Country has gone well this year, but we haven't had as many meets this year. BFL will be on Friday, and we are expected to do really well. Matchwits had their first meet last night at Hanover, and we will be hosting a meet this year. Drama will be performing "Cinderella" soon. The freshman store is in full swing. They are using punch cards for the customers. Football is going well with only one loss, after three overtimes. FBLA is going well. Two weeks ago, fees were paid. Tests will be taken soon. Volleyball team is undefeated with a tough week this week. Journalism is going well, and the yearbook cover has been turned in. NHS wrote letters to the elementary to encourage them. The Dunk Tank fundraiser raised \$1200. This money will go to a scholarship in Dalton's name.
- b. Key Communicators-No one was present.

V. Title I, Preschool, Nutrition

- a. Title 1-The application was submitted this summer. We receive about \$50,000, and it is spent on maintaining small class sizes.
- b. Preschool-We have thirty students. The afternoon is full, and the morning has two open slots. A new para has joined Mikayla, and she is doing a great job. The preschool had a float in the parade. Preschoolers helped build the float.
- c. Nutrition-Three goals in the kitchen: good food, clean, and professionalism. All three are being met.

VI. Facilities-Stucco was replaced on the north side of the building. The preschool playground was resurfaced. Poles will be replaced down at the football field and at the practice field. Last year's seniors left money to build an awning over the concession stand. Jerry built the awning, and it looks great. Another storage building will be added down at the field as well.

VII. Safe Schools Plan-Two grants are currently being worked on by Mr. Wilson. One is to provide radios/walkie talkies for the safety team. The other one is to install sidewalks to help keep students safe as they are walking to school. Safety drills are being performed.

VIII. Suggestions-There were no suggestions. Mr. Wilson shared Dalton's suggestion from last year.

IX. Morgan adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Charges for 2024-25

1. 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.