

## Minutes

October 12, 2023

Members present: Val Long, Kendra Lapp, David Smead, Matthew Rohrbaugh, Brian Spicher, Rod Cook

Staff present: Cheryl Casner, Katie Rupert

Long called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

September board meeting minutes were approved after motions by Spicher and Rohrbaugh.

There were no public comments.

Rupert reported that a kitchen warmer was donated to the School by Mifflin County 4H club. A donation may be sent to them later.

September finances were approved after motions by Smead and Lapp.

Audit was sent to State Charter by Rupert

Health insurance renewal for staff and employees is up for renewal on December 1, 2023. Initial increase is 22% but waiting to hear from the present agent about reduction. Also, another agency would like to offer comparable quotation. Rupert may look into HAHS Consortium plan for their pricing and terms.

After motions, by Smead and Spicher, Board approved renewal of Library software expenditure of \$885.00.

Casner reported on field trips to Fort Roberdeau and Old Bedford Village, upcoming trip to Lawson Farm. Casner to revise school procedure to include parents who want to go on field trips with students and staff.

4th grade teacher, Alexa Shick, was approved for hiring by the Board after motions by Smead and Lapp.

Covid case precautions were discussed and agreed that Casner was to use her discretion on school attendance for those who test positive.

Casner reported that the Greenwood Park field trip will be the end of October. Movie night on September 29 was successful thanks to efforts by Lauren Spicher, Lapp & Rupert.

Holiday program is set for December 6, 2023.

Rupert reported that the fund raiser for meat sales netted \$2,300. Wreath Sales fundraiser is being organized. Used Bingo machine was donated by Stone Valley Volunteer Fire Co to the school.

Board agreed to purchase and have 4 shade trees planted in the rear recess area as soon as possible at a cost up to \$2,500 after motions by Spicher and Long.

Cook reported that regarding the 15 MPH speed zone reduction, he received verbal approval subject to contingencies from Department of Transportation PE Traffic Safety Section Supervisor, Neil Hood who will send written approval and directions to School soon. When this letter is received, Smead, Spicher and Cook will review and make recommendations to the Board at a later date.

Spicher recommended that Casner and Rupert get prices from roof contractors for repair of roof seams.

Spicher asked Casner or Rupert to check with DC Goodman regarding chemical treatment of the boiler.

After recommendation by Lapp, the Board approved recruiting new board members for next year's term.

Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm after motions by Smead and Rohrbaugh.