

BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT #26
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MINUTES
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

Board members in attendance:

Jackie Harshman
Lincoln Thomasson
Jim Andrus
Susi Edgington
Carlos Ramos

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Jackie Harshman.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
3. Lincoln Thomasson made the motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the Agenda was adopted with a unanimous vote.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

4. Action Items:

- a. Purchase 106 student Chromebooks, pending grant approval or moving into a capital expense, to replace aging student Chromebooks-BLUMM HP \$37,470.00.

The ESSER III grant was approved for this purchase.

Lincoln Thomasson motioned to approve the purchase of 106 student Chromebooks from BLUMM HP for \$37,470. The motion was seconded by Jim Andrus and the vote was unanimous.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

b. Personnel

- a. Staff Hires Pending Fingerprint clearance and background checks
 - a) Cassie Weber-Paraprofessional effective 8/1/24
 - b) Danielle Soules-Paraprofessional effective 8/1/24
 - c) Courtney Swanner-PT Administrative Assistant effective 8/1/24

Jim Andrus motioned to approve the above staff hires as presented. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- b. Acceptance of the following resignation:
 - a) Andy Hooton – 6th-8th grade teacher, social studies. Breach of Contract could be required, if the documentation is deemed insufficient.

An email of resignation was received from Mr. Hooton on July 12, 2024. A letter from a doctor was received on July 18, 2024.

The governing board discussed relevant information before making their final decision including when his contract was signed (late March/early April), how long he had been with the district (1 year), and how much investment did he have in his teaching career (significant schooling and experience).

Superintendent Wheeler addressed the following: Mr. Hooton was reluctant to sign his contract originally due to his health issues and possibly moving, however, he did sign in the end. Mr. Hooton has a long standing career in law enforcement and education in the Verde Valley. Since his notification of resigning, schedules have been adjusted with certified teaching staff to fill his position. The district will be posting for another roving sub as one had to be pulled to fill.

Superintendent Wheeler notified the board of the possible recourse; file with the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education and/or \$2,500 liquidated damages as presented in the teaching contract. The district attorney has recommended NOT to file and NOT to seek liquidated damages due to receipt of a doctors excusal.

Carlos Ramos requested that the two recourse options be voted on separately.

Carlos Ramos motioned to notify the State Board of Education. There was no second and the discussion continued.

Carlos Ramos motioned to NOT file with the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Jim Andrus and the vote was unanimous.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Jim Andrus motioned to NOT seek liquidated damages. The motion was seconded by Lincoln Thomasson and the vote was unanimous.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

5. Jim Andrus made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susi Edgington. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM with a unanimous vote.

Jackie Harshman	Lincoln Thomasson	Jim Andrus	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ori Womack

Jackie Harshman

Lincoln Thomasson

Jim Andrus

Susi Edgington

Carlos Ramos