

Summers County Board of Education
Special Meeting/ Jumping Branch Elementary LSIC

November 16, 2009

3:30 p.m.

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1. Roll Call

The Summers County Board of Education met in a special LSIC meeting on November 16, 2009, 3:30 p.m., at Jumping Branch Elementary School, with Ms. Sue Angell, board president, presiding over the meeting with the following board members present: Mr. David Ballard, Mr. William Humphreys, Mr. James Withrow and Mrs. Jean Gore.

Other staff members present: Mrs. Vicki Hinerman, *Superintendent* and Mrs. Jennifer Farley, *Business Manager*.

Principal attending: Dr. Patricia Harvey.

LSIC members present were: Vickie Cales, president; Lisa Deeds, vice-president; Ann Jimenez, secretary; Dalene Coffman, Pauline Meadows, Janet Richmond, Rebecca Cooper, and Sandy Goins.

Others attending: Rhnea Hylton and Connie Buckland.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Mr. Ballard and followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

3. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Withrow and by unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

4. Local School Improvement Council

Presentations from various LSIC members were made and handouts of their presentations were given to board members that contained the following information:

I. Current Issues

Pauline Meadows stated that Superintendent Hinerman had informed JBE that a parent’s request for a roof over the steps on the church side of the building had been granted. David Quisenberry is making arrangements for a canopy to be purchased and installed next summer.

Darlene Coffman reported that the current enrollment of JBE is 132 students. However concerns were expressed about how the next 10 years is going to affect JBE with the economy and job situation as it is. The advantages of a small school were also noted.

Janet Richmond commented that the tier 3 reading program called Response To Intervention, designed to help students who need extra help with reading is being done this year.

She also talked about the writing program. Teachers are using “Step Up to Writing”, a writing program designed to help students with writing skills.

Rebecca Cooper spoke about a tier 2 math response to intervention that also has been implemented.

She also stated that a technology integration specialist came to JBE every Tuesday to help teachers integrate technology in the subjects.

II. Special Projects

Ann Jimenez informed board members that JBE had the Great American Opportunities and the Aromalight candle sales to raise money for the Positive Behavior Program. This program provides for rewarding students for their good behavior and academics.

Sandy Goins spoke of staff development at JBE. The staff has been participating in Professional Learning Communities led by the teacher leaders. Connie Buckland, a teacher leader, is leading learning committees. Staff have been working on problem/project-based learning (PBLs) a lesson where students use real world skills to complete a content standards-based learning activity.

III. Discipline

Lisa Deeds reported that JBE has few discipline problems. For the current school year, there have been no in-school suspensions, out of school suspensions or expulsions.

The only referrals that the principal has received are 4 bus conduct reports for such misbehavior as “too loud” or “out of seat.” These have been handled by administrative/student conferences. Also, the principal continues to monitor the situation in order to make sure it is no longer occurring. The monitoring is conducted over a period of time after receiving the bus conduct form.

IV. Progress Toward Meeting the Strategic Plan

Ann Jimenez informed board members that JBE has made adequate yearly progress for every year the WESTEST has been administered.

Janet Richmond stated that the 5 year strategic plan goals for this year are to increase student mastery on the WESTEST in the core subject areas of reading/language arts, math, science, and social studies. Another goal is to increase their use of technology. She said that JBE is progressing in meeting the goals of the strategic plan.

5. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Gore and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.