

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President Brian Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Sarah Owen, Pam Clem, Joe Trusty, Marvin Jones, Corey Williams, and Donna Nash. Also in attendance were Dr. Tony Thurman, Michael Byrd, directors, and community members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the regular January meeting were approved as presented.

January financials were approved as presented.

RECOGNITION

Master Board Member – Joe Trusty was presented with a plaque from the Arkansas School Board Association for earning Master Board Member classification. Board members must obtain at least fifty continuing education credits to receive this award.

Purple Star School Citation – Aaron Randolph shared the process of becoming a Purple Star School, showing the district's commitment to supporting military families. Representative Brian Evans presented a state citation recognizing the Cabot School District as the only district in Arkansas to have all schools achieve Purple Star School status. He also read a letter from Governor Hutchinson congratulating the district on being recognized as Arkansas's first Purple Star School District.

CURRICULUM REPORT

National CTE Month – Nicole Gatewood provided an overview of the Career and Technical Education opportunities the Cabot School District offers. We have twenty-three career programs, and students leave with certification in several of them. Some of these programs, such as automotive, construction, and CNA, prepare students to go to work immediately upon graduation. The many class offerings provide students with the opportunity to explore specific career paths.

Jr. ROTC Programming – Major Gibson, Cabot Jr. ROTC instructor, proposed additional classes to be offered in the Jr. ROTC program. These classes would consist of Leadership Development, Drill and Ceremonies, and Ground School.

ACE Conversion Charter School Amendments – Aaron Randolph reviewed amendments that will be submitted to DESE for our ACE Conversion Charter School. These amendments would allow digital learning at ACE and would adjust enrollment and class size numbers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Building and Grounds – Michael Byrd reported that the final walk through and punch list should be received this week for Northside Elementary. Bids will be opened for the health services and museum building on Thursday. He also shared a list of damaged items from last week's snow storms, including 400 feet of awning, three boilers, and broken pipes at some campuses.

Free and Reduced Lunch Report – For information.

Current Enrollment – For information.

ACTION

The board voted to approve the incoming legal transfer of student S.B. from the Vilonia School District to the Cabot School District
Motion by Joe Trusty, second by Donna Nash; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the incoming legal transfer of students P.H., E.H. and P.J. from the Vilonia School District to the Cabot School District.
Motion by Donna Nash, second by Pam Clem; passed 7-0.

The board voted to the outgoing legal transfer for student J.K. from the Cabot School District to the Beebe School District.
Motion by Donna Nash, second by Corey Williams; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the resolution to allow the 2020-2021 Cabot High School Seniors the opportunity to purchase their current Chromebooks for \$10 upon graduation in May 2021.
Motion by Joe Trusty, second by Corey Williams; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve personnel as presented.
Motion by Pam Clem, second by Joe Trusty; passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



President



Secretary

**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
February 23, 2021**

CERTIFIED RESIGNATIONS

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE
Karyna Carbone	Westside Elementary	ESL Coordinator	6/3/21
Sarah Cole	Freshman Academy	Social Studies Teacher	2/19/21

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION
Mallorey Jones	Academic Center of Excellence / Cabot Panther Digital Academy	Assistant Principal / Instructional Facilitator / Digital Learning Coordinator

The contract of Superintendent Dr. Tony Thurman was extended through June 30, 2024.

The contract of Assistant Superintendent Michael Byrd was extended through June 30, 2023.

All recommendations and hiring of licensed certified personnel are contingent on applicants completing all licensure requirements, as well as, clearing their criminal background check and child maltreatment registry.

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENTS

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE
Jack MacDonald	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/15/21
Debbie West	Freshman Academy	Office Assistant	2/26/21
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CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE
Emily Wright	Magness Creek Elementary	Custodian	2/10/21

CLASSIFIED NEW HIRES

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION
Ellen Barnett	Transportation	Bus Driver
Zachery Bolls	Magness Creek Elementary	Custodian
Jessica Carter	District	Registered Nurse (Float)
Shelby Cutrer	Special Programs	School Psychology Specialist Intern
Teresa Davis	Transportation	Bus Driver
Jordan Gibson	Cabot Learning Academy	Secretary
Michael Reitz	Transportation	Bus Driver (Part Time)

CLASSIFIED NEW HIRES (Cont'd)

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION
Madison Rose	Special Programs	School Psychology Specialist Intern

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