



**MINUTES OF
Idabel Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 18, 2025**

THE Idabel Public Schools, IDABEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE,
IDABEL, OKLAHOMA MET April 18, 2025 AT 2:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS PRESENT:

Attendance Taken at 2:00 PM.

MADDIE BRILEY: Present
Donny Butler: Present
ERIC NUBER: Present
James Raley: Absent
Jerry Robinson: Absent

1. OPENING: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

- A. PRESIDENT: DONNY BUTLER**
- B. VICE-PRESIDENT: JERRY ROBINSON**
- C. CLERK: JAMES RALEY**
- D. MEMBER: MADDIE BRILEY**
- E. MEMBER: ERIC NUBER**

2. RECOMMENDATION, CONSIDERATION AND VOTE TO APPOINT AND EMPLOY JUSTIN C CLIBURN AND THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION LAW AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE IDABEL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S DUE PROCESS HEARING.

MOTION TO TO APPOINT AND EMPLOY JUSTIN C CLIBURN AND THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION LAW AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE IDABEL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S DUE PROCESS HEARING. This motion, made by MADDIE BRILEY and seconded by ERIC NUBER, Passed.

MADDIE BRILEY: Yea
Donny Butler: Yea
ERIC NUBER: Yea
James Raley: Absent

Jerry Robinson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. Due process hearing for Mary Blandon regarding her possible termination.

- a. The board president shall convene the hearing, state the purpose of the hearing and introduce the parties. Upon the request of either party, the president may exclude from the hearing room the witnesses not at the time under examination, except that a party to the proceeding and their representative shall not be excluded.**
- b. Opening statement by superintendent or his designee or representative.**
- c. Opening statement by Ms. Blandon or her designee or representative.**
- d. Presentation of superintendent's evidence, followed by cross-examination of witnesses by Ms. Blandon or her designee or representative.**
- e. Questions by board members.**
- f. Presentation of Ms. Blandon's evidence followed by cross-examination of witnesses by superintendent or superintendent's designee or representative.**
- g. Questions by board members.**
- h. Presentation of rebuttal and surrebuttal evidence as necessary.**
- i. Closing argument by superintendent or his designee or representative.**
- j. Closing argument by Ms. Blandon or her designee or representative.**
- k. Consideration and vote to go into executive session pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 25, § 307(B) (1) & (7) to deliberate on the dismissal or not of Mary Blandon.**
- l. Vote to acknowledge return to open session.**
- m. Board president's statement of executive session minute.**
- n. Vote by board to accept or reject the superintendent's recommendation for the dismissal of Mary Blandon and recitation of findings of fact upon which the decision is based.**

K. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:22 PM. MADE BY ERIC NUBER AND SECONDED BY MADDIE BRILEY.
BUTLER-Y, BRILEY-Y, NUBER-Y

L. MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:30 PM. MADE BY MADDIE BRILEY AND SECONDED BY ERIC NUBER.
BUTLER-Y, BRILEY-Y, NUBER-Y

N. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO FOR THE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF MARY BLANDON FROM HER EMPLOYMENT AT THE IDABEL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE FINDING OF FACTS. MADE BY ERIC NUBER AND SECONDED BY MADDIE BRILEY.
BUTLER-Y, BRILEY-N, NUBER-Y. This motion, made by ERIC NUBER and seconded by MADDIE BRILEY, Passed.

MADDIE BRILEY: Nay

Donny Butler: Yea

ERIC NUBER: Yea
James Raley: Absent
Jerry Robinson: Absent

Yea: 2, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

4. VOTE TO ADJOURN.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:45PM. This motion, made by MADDIE BRILEY and seconded by ERIC NUBER, Passed.

MADDIE BRILEY: Yea
Donny Butler: Yea
ERIC NUBER: Yea
James Raley: Absent
Jerry Robinson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

DONNY BUTLER, PRESIDENT
MINUTES CLERK

VETA BURDINE,