

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Robert Hines, Clint Montgomery, Todd Aynes, Edd Puckett and Kyle Cannon.

Members absent: Brian Kesterson and Judith Roberson

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston updated the Board with the 2018-2020 Classification/Conference lists with Mena's classification for football, basketball and other sports remaining in the 4A 7; Volleyball and Soccer will go through the reclassification process after declarations are made in December. The blended conferences will go away after this year and will save mileage for most districts. The district bus as well as maintenance and operations inspections were completed last week with no findings. Our administrative auditors will begin shortly and remain in the district 6-8 weeks. Special Education monitoring has also been completed with no findings.

Mr. Weston stated the contractors at Louise Durham are staying on schedule and will be working during the district's holiday breaks and weekends to complete projects without interrupting students. Danny Minton added pictures of outside work and the completed tables in the computer lab. Mr. Weston presented change order requests and contingencies. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the change order requests and contingencies. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston set the Public meeting date for Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Facilities at 5:00 p.m., Report To The Public at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Board meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Weston informed the Board of upcoming Fall Board training dates including the Region 4 meeting in Lavaca and two DeQueen Mena COOP Zoom dates in October and November.

Mr. Weston presented the 2017-2018 legal balance. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the 2017 - 2018 Budget including Special Education Budget, Federal Budget, VI-B, and Operating Budgets. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The Board was presented with technology proposals by Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent and Nathan Stone, Technology Coordinator. After discussion Edd Puckett made a motion to approve the proposal from Howard Technology Solutions for a 3 year turn back lease on 865 Chromebook devices in the amount of \$246,769.20. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented the scores of 11th graders that opted to take the ACT. No action taken.

Jeanne Smith also presented the ESEA Status Report on 2016 - 2017 test scores. No action taken.

Mr. Weston informed the board of Act 910 of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session which eliminated the third Tuesday of September as the date for the annual school election. Districts must now choose whether to hold their annual election in May or November. While not required, Districts in the same County may choose to coordinate their choice and pick the same election date to make it easier on the County Election Commission and clearer to voters when the election is to be held. As Districts transition to the new election dates, current Board Members will have their terms shortened or lengthened by a few months. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to hold the Mena Annual School Election in May, 2018. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Edd Puckett made a motion to approve financial reports and payment of bills. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following resignations:

Lisa Sorge - Custodian - Louise Durham Elementary - effective 9-14-2017
Mary Alicia Hastey - Licensed Practical Nurse - Holly Harshman Elementary - effective 9-25-17.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's resignation recommendations. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston informed the Board Sadeidra Smith and Macklin Chermak have received their provisional license and recommended they be removed from SubTeach and placed on contact. Sadeidra Smith effective 8/28/2017 and Macklin Chermak 9/5/2017. Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's contract recommendations. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended additional duties be added to:

Ryan Luttmmer - Head Junior High Football
Tommy Johnson - Assistant Junior High Football
Macklin Chermak - Junior and Senior Assistant Football, Senior Football Special Teams and Junior girls track.

Clint Montgomery made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's additional duties recommendations. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston informed the Board Pat Self will be out indefinitely and Mika Harry will be her replacement through SubTeach as a long term licensed substitute. No action taken.

Mr. Weston asked President Hines to move Agenda Item #12 ahead of Board Restructure. Mr. Weston explained the employees who received 5% or more in their salary for pay dates between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 and recommended the Board approve and resolve the increases given to the school employees. Mr. Weston recommended the board approve the salaries in the form of a Resolution. Kyle Cannon read the Resolution, whereas, the superintendent has identified all changes from last school year's published salary schedules, and has identified and presented the Board of Directors with all employees with a salary increase of 5% or more as required under A.C.A. Sec. 6-13-635. A copy of employees and reason for their increase is attached to this resolution. Clint Montgomery seconded the Resolution and Resolution passed 5-0.

Board Restructure:

Clint Montgomery made a motion for the 2017-2018 Board Officers remain the same as the 2016-2017 officers. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Robert Hines as Board President
Edd Puckett as Vice-President
Brian Kesterson as Board Secretary

With no further business, Todd Aynes moved for adjournment, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Hines, President