

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met for their monthly meeting on August 16, 2016.

**Present:** Mary Weeks, Chairperson; Dr. Doug Watson, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Board Member; Everett Elam, Board Member; Jeanne Tribett, ASBVI Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community

**16-B-015 Motion to Approve Consent Items**

Ms. Weeks asked for a motion to approve the consent items to include the minutes, financial statement and personnel items. Ms. Pack made a motion to approve the consent items and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items**

**Approval of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

Mr. Caton said this is for the Child Nutrition Program and is an agreement that has to be approved by the Board. He said basically what it does is allows the school not to have to collect meal applications for our Free & Reduced Lunch Program. He said sometimes there is an issue that a family will not complete the application for different reasons. He said if they don't then the school cannot be reimbursed. He said all of the kids eat free but to be reimbursed the application has to be received. He said the provision was good for four years. He said it doesn't give a whole lot in terms of funding, about \$4,000 but every little bit helps. He said it requires a board action and signature of the board chair.

**16-B-016 Motion to Approve the Community Eligibility Provision**

Ms. Pack made a motion to accept the recommendations for the School for the Blind and apply for the CEP and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Caton stated they could opt out at any time during the program for the next four years. Dr. Watson asked if it involved any requirement on the quality of food, etc. for the children. Mr. Caton said not that is specific to this provision other than what is already required of the school.

**Discussion Items**

**None**

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Caton stated that as Ms. Tribett said ASB's enrollment is growing and getting close to 100 if not above as ASB still has referrals coming in to the school. He said it was not all in one area. He said the bulk has been in the STAAC, Pre-K and Kindergarten programs but they are also seeing growth in the elementary and secondary schools. He said this past year was the first using the ACT Aspire and their science scores did see a bump. He said ASB has three students going to Metro this year. He said one is in the Culinary Arts program, one in the Animation Design program and one in the Certified Nursing Assistant program.

Mr. Caton said as far as campus projects they have some issues going on with buildings, mainly the flat roof buildings. He said they are experiencing a lot of leaks so they are in the process of finding out what needs to be done to bring those buildings to where they need to be. He said an update on the Vocational Building he mentioned in the report the crack monitors did show a little movement still taking place in that area of the building. He said that concerned him. He said there was not an immediate safety issue but it is not something that can be put on the back burner. He said they are looking at some emergency provisions to try to go ahead and get what we need to do to that building. He said they are probably looking at a ballpark figure of \$55,000 to \$65,000 to do the repair that is needed there. He said in addition they are also having issues in the Infirmary with the plaster ceiling and roof in that building. He said the school has some real needs and they will continue to assess them and make plans for addressing and getting the buildings where they need to be. He said they would also include long-term plans on how they are using all of the buildings in terms of functionality.

There being no further business for the School for the Blind, the agenda moved to the School for the Deaf.

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Mary Weeks, Chair

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Faith McLaughlin, Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Deaf met for their monthly meeting on August 16, 2016.

**Present:** Mary Weeks, Chairperson; Dr. Doug Watson, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Board Member; Everett Elam, Board Member; Jeanne Tribett, ASB Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Moore and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest residents

**16-D-016 Motion to Approve Consent Items**

Ms. Weeks asked for a motion to approve the consent items to include the minutes, financial statement and personnel items. Mr. Elam made a motion to approve the consent items and Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items**  
**Approval of the Strategic Plan**

Dr. Dickinson said they were excited to get the process moving with the Strategic Plan. She said she emailed it to all of you and asked for feedback. She said one important feedback she got was from Doug. She said he said to take out the period and remove one word, the word CONVO. She said they replaced it with Emergency Communication System and that is really what it is. She said they made those two small changes and ask that it be approved so they can get it in process.

**16-D-017 Motion to Approve Strategic Plan**

Dr. Watson made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as amended and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of SCPI**

Dr. Dickinson said they had discussed this in the past and approved previously about half of it and the other part was to allow all staff to get a 10% increase based on their signing skills. She said she email each member and asked them for their approval before an announcement was made. She said she thought that would happen. She said she thought it would be really nice if they formally got the stamp of approval on it.

Dr. Watson asked if they could consider adding that you can give the 10% increase to a newly hired individual if they agree to take and pass the SCIP. Dr. Dickinson said that was a great point and a good recruiting tool. She said now the policy says that when you are hired you have to wait one year before you can take the test to get the increase but she is not sure about the point of that. She said she thought it would be more beneficial to them if they were able to offer that immediately. She said if it is approved then those immediately hired and also the 10% max for all based on their signing skills and meet the requirements. Mr. Elam asked what would be a reason for waiting a year. He said obviously people put stipulations in for a reason and they are not always good ones. He asked if there were any good reasons for waiting. Dr. Dickinson said it was a good question and maybe there was someone in the audience that was here years ago when the policy was put in place. Dr. Watson stated previously you could not hire anyone without previous training. Mr. Elam asked if other schools have stipulations like that. Dr. Dickinson said the California School for the Deaf has already added this in that it is effective immediately depending on your signing skills and they have been able to use that to recruit more efficiently. Ms. Pack asked if there was anything OPM in the past had said that required that. Dr. Dickinson said they have asked OPM if it was within their rights to make this decision and OPM said yes. Ms. Weeks said basically that allows someone to be hired but they don't start their training then. Dr. Dickinson said they were actually looking at two separate parts of the SCPI. She said the part that has already been approved says that they set up where every staff role has a minimum sign language skill requirement so that means that the person that is hired has one year to meet the minimum requirement. She said if they try really hard and work hard it is written in that the supervisor can add an additional year, but then that is it. She said what she was talking about now was that all of the staff can get a percent after one year depending on their role. She said cafeteria workers, business office, technology only get a 2% raise so we are asking that all staff have the potential to get the maximum of 10% if they are able to hit that skill level. Ms. Pack said what you are saying is if a new person comes and they have that level then you can go ahead and give that but not to someone who does not have it – they would have to wait one year. Dr. Dickinson said if we hire someone who doesn't have good signing skills then they are not going to get that increase plus they only have one year for them to require those skills. Dr. Watson said it will allow them to recruit top people. Dr. Dickinson said it gives her the opportunity to offer more money to people that have more skills. Dr. Watson said that is worth far more than 10% to the kids.

### **16-D-018 Motion to Approve SCPI**

Dr. Watson made a motion to approve the SCPI and Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dickinson said ASD has the same situation as James Caton regarding the CEP. She asked Elizabeth to explain about that from the Deaf School's perspective. Elizabeth said CEP stands for Community Eligibility Provision program. She said ASD has qualified and this would give them an opportunity to generate additional revenue for the first time since she has been with the school for the last 8 years. She said only the lower school has qualified with 56.25%. She said that would allow them to be reimbursed at 90%. She said it is a win-win situation for them because no student is charged for a meal now. She said it is in effect for 4 years and can opt out at any time. She said there are no special requirements the only requirement is that all of the kids are allowed to eat free. Dr. Dickinson said she did not realize they needed the board's vote.

### **16-D-019 Motion to Approve CEP**

Dr. Watson made a motion to approve the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Dickinson thanked them for going on the tour of the school before the board meeting. She said the kids had a lot of fun. She said she wanted to thank CJ because she came up with an idea of having a U-table for the Board. She said CJ started designing the table, talked with the prison system, negotiated with them and got this beautiful table. She said the Admin Team has done a lot of work this summer and thanked them. She said they set up a new block scheduling with the teachers. She said they have been training and working with them on that. She said she really appreciated JR. She said he has been so willing to do something new for her. She said the two of them had been working together on a new program for age 18-21. She said the kids have already graduated but they are coming back to school so we have a new plan for these students. She said in the mornings they have remedial type classes and in the afternoon they are out gaining work experience. She said the girls are living in an apartment and the boys are living in the Maintenance house. She said Don has been working very hard trying to improve the cleanliness. She said Michael Krenn has been working well with his office. She said she just wanted to thank all of them for their hard work.

She introduced Kay Ann Varner, Interim Director for Curriculum and Instruction. She said that position in the past was an Assistant Principal position and they transitioned that to focus more on education.

She said we have 24 new students, 20 here and 8 more that we are waiting on paperwork to be processed. She said she thought they would have about 28 new students. She said recently Doug asked her how many deaf staff they had and she said they have 41 deaf staff. She said they are good role models for the kids to look up to.

She said she wanted to thank Susan Pack. She said Ms. Pack invited her for a fun fall event. She said there were many superintendents there from different school systems.

She said they had made mention of PBIS and during the tour you may have noticed the ROAR popping up everywhere and are excited to start this. She said they would kick it off formally on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

She said she thought it was going to be a great year and thanked everyone for their support.

Ms. Weeks said she wanted to ask if there was an update on Easter Seals. She asked Mindy if they were any closer to getting bids. Ms. Terry said they were not and that she thought what they would have to sit down with the Deaf School and go over what it is going to look like. She said she and Michael had talked about it briefly. Mr. Krenn said without them not being aware that they would be responsible for half of it they would have to figure out if they would have any extra funds to help pay on the tear down. He said they were not aware that they would be responsible for half of the fee until recently. He said it really depends on how much it would cost and the problem is they have to be able to plan ahead of time before they can actually put it out for bid. He said it would have to go through ABA and they have to make sure they have appropriation available. He said basically if they estimate \$400,000 and they have to split the cost he would have to make sure they have \$200,000 that they can legitimately take for that project. He said right now they have buildings that are leaking. He said they have to look at their priorities which one is more important – tear down a building or stop the water from coming into the school. Ms. Weeks said she did not think they were talking about \$300,000 to \$400,000. She said she knew he had come into a situation that has been going on for 3 ½ years. Mindy said they know they have \$200,000 currently from the AG's Office. She said what they are looking at is if it does go up to that \$400,000 mark can we swing that with all the facility issues that they have. She said ABA does require that you have the appropriation before you can even take bids. She said the Blind School did pay for the asbestos fees with Morris & Associates. She said ASB has already spent \$13,000. She said she does not think they will be able to get it done for what they think. Ms. Coleman asked how do you know what it is going to cost until the bids are taken. Mindy said they only did specs for the asbestos not for the demolition. Ms. Coleman said if she called an architect to come over and look at it would it help. She said he is one of the neighbors. Mindy said everyone has thrown out a number as to what they think it will cost to take the building down. She thinks maybe it could be brought down to the ground for \$300,000 but then would still have to come up with \$50,000 each. She said she was saying they need someone to give them a realistic figure of what it is going to cost before they can move forward.

Ms. Weeks asked how are we going to do that. Ms. Coleman said she might be able to get Tommy Jameson (neighbor) to come over and give them a guess at how much it would cost. She said there are other alternatives. Todd, Maintenance Manager at ASD, said they have met briefly with the City about the bike trail and it is something they discussed that it could be a bargaining tool that maybe the city could help with the tear down of the building in return for allowing them to cross the schools' property. He said he didn't know if this architect would know all the rules the ABA would require. Ms. Weeks said she thought that it was a serious consideration. She said she called Warwick Sabin and asked him if the amount was to go over the \$200,000 figure did he have any avenues of money to help them. She said he didn't now but to keep him informed. She said she can't inform him if we do not know the dollar amount. She said that was her big concern right now that they have to know how much it is going to cost. Mindy said she agreed but last week when they discussed it she felt ASD needed to be made aware. She said she thought they would have to meet. She said they could go with Morris & Associates to do the specs for the tear down but since ASD would be sharing the cost they needed to be informed. Michael said he was caught off guard and really having to look where they have the funds to pay for it. Ms. Pack said she had a question about the Deaf School's responsibility. She said she knew they were one board over both schools. She said she goes back to when this all first started 22 years ago and she does not know where it says that the Deaf School has liability. Ms. Weeks said the property is owned by both schools. Mindy said she could send them the Act that talks about the land and if it is ever sold it has to be divided. She said she could send it to Betty and it be distributed to the board. Ms. Pack said she would like to see it. She said she does not ever remember any discussion about ASD. Ms. Coleman said when that Act was put into place it appears Easter Seals knew about it but ASD didn't. She said that was her research and it goes back to when they granted the land, how they changed it and who actually owns it. Mindy said she was very unclear because she had heard so many different stories and that is why she went back and tried to find something. She said she did find it and would be more than happy to share that with you. Dr. Watson said he was Chair when they had the meeting with the Legislature and the Attorney General and the agreement was never which school they are both state schools and the legislators were very interested in seeing a resolution to the issue. He said the issue was they would help us get \$250,000, \$50,000 would legally buy out Easter Seals and they would walk away. He said that left \$200,000 to proceed with removing the building with the understanding from the AG at the time if later the need arose they could go back for more funding. He said it has nothing to do with the bike trail. He said it has nothing to do with the School for the Deaf or the School for the Blind. He said the land belonged to the School for the Deaf originally and over the years added School for the Blind. He said that was not an issue because they were one state property so the 10 acres that ES had control over belongs to both schools. He said they were supposed to be getting the State Building Authority and what it would take to tear down. He said he thought the \$200,000 would take it to the ground.

Dr. Watson said beyond that we will worry about fund raising and go back to the legislator representatives informing them. He said they have discretionary money. He said they were a state school, one property. He said the asbestos has been removed as the first part and now the next part was to remove the building. He said they need to get the estimate and get bids and then worry about the dollars.

Ms. Weeks said \$200,000 was spent for the abatement of the building. She said is \$200,000 going to be enough to tear down the building. She said she agreed with Doug that they need to go on and get the Building Authority and see what they could do. Dr. Watson said they had to wait on getting the building transferred back after the abatement. He said he was ready to get on with the bidding and see what it was going to cost to get the building down. Mindy said they are moving but had to stop and regroup and make sure they were communicating with each other about the actual school. She said they still had to sit down with Janet and Michael now that they are aware of their responsibility. She said they will look at the first step of getting an architect to draw up specs. She said before ABA will look at it you have to have it signed off on by an architect or engineer. She said they will not look at it until you do that. Dr. Watson asked what that would cost. Mindy said it will cost a percentage of the cost. Dr. Watson said what are you worried about. Mindy said she had to communicate with the Deaf School and give them copies of what ASB has already paid. Michael said they just found out last week. Dr. Watson said the Deaf School has always been involved. Ms. Pack said no. Dr. Watson said the chairman of the board negotiated the agreement with the legislators. He said the Deaf School was very involved. Michael said as the Fiscal Officer and Superintendent we were not aware that ASD would have to come up with any additional funds to pay architects fees, etc. Dr. Watson asked who was asking them to come up with money. He said they have \$200,000 and until that is gone he wasn't asking anyone for a penny. Mindy said the Blind School has paid. Dr. Watson asked if that was the issue that ASB had paid out money not out of the \$200,000. Mindy said no it was communicating that they all needed to sit down and get on the same page as to who is paying for what and who is responsible. She said she could not send ASD a bill and not allow them in this process. She said she was trying to bring them in and get them involved and make them aware. Dr. Watson said who is them. Mindy said the Deaf School. Ms. Tribett said she thought the confusion was why can this money not come out of the \$200,000. Mindy said because the project is going to exceed the \$200,000. Todd said the state will only allow them to use a certain architect, Scott Smith. He said he would meet with Mindy, Michael, and Dr. Dickinson and they can agree to get in touch with Scott to see if he would like to give a state proposed estimate on what is required to take the building down. He asked if that would be a good place to start. He said they could not use just any architect. He said the state tells us right now Scott Smith is the architect to use. Dr. Watson said he wanted to ask clarification from Superintendent Hill. He said we had a meeting with people a few years ago.

Mr. Hill said they gave ballpark figures. He said Doug Martin was going to buy it and he had a proposed contract with a person that does that business for \$230,000 to tear it down and clear the ground. He said he didn't know what might have changed since then. He said that was in 2003 or around that time. He said that was the figure they had held on to and that is why they were going to get \$200,000. He said what he would propose that you get two bids one to tear it down to the ground and another bid to do the whole project. He said that way you would not have to go back and start the bid process over again. He said he would like to explain one other thing is when the Deaf School got involved was probably sometime right after Ms. Pack retired. He said George Miller who was on the Board of ES got involved and he had plans to sell the building and they drew up a Bill (probably the one Mindy is talking about). He said they drew up a Bill that said the land could be sold and the money would go 1/3 to ES, 1/3 to ASB and 1/3 to ASD. He said that was a law therefore it was assumed from that day on that any assets accumulated because of the sale of the land would give 1/3 to ASD therefore it was assumed also that any liability at that time would be 1/3 but since ES was taken out of it because of the \$50,000 and that left the two schools. He said any assets that were gained from the sale of the property or any liabilities would be split between the two schools. He said that law stated it was state land and it belonged to both schools. Ms. Pack said that clarifies what she was saying because when all this first started and discussions in board meetings the School for the Deaf was not involved at all, it was the School for the Blind. She said she didn't know all this other had transpired and she thought there probably a lot of people that didn't know it. She said not just because Janet is new but there are people that have been here a long time that do not know it had changed. Mindy said the holdup is just communication and everyone needs to be on the same page. Ms. Weeks said at one time ASB had the land behind them and ASD had the land behind them then with the legislative action..... Dr. Watson said originally it was all the School for the Deaf. Mr. Hill said as Doug stated originally all this land belonged to the School for the Deaf and when the state decided they were going to build the School for the Blind they gave that land to ASB. Dr. Watson said we are still one state property with two different budgets. Ms. Weeks said now all of that land belongs to both schools so whatever is on that property which is the ES Building belongs to both schools. She said the Blind School just sort of took it on at the time. Ms. Pack said at that time it was the School for the Blind. Mr. Hill said it was determined that the Bill that Miller proposed stated that the land belonged to the state therefore both schools had an interest in it. Dr. Dickinson said that for the last year coming into board meetings she knew superficially that before she arrived that the schools got money from the legislature about raising the building and she understood that the Blind School had taken a leadership position but what she did not realize was that the money the legislator had earmarked for that was insufficient and so they would have to find the money to help pay to support that project. She said that was really tough for them because that is part of new information they just received last week.

Dr. Watson said the legislature did not give us the money, the Attorney General did. He said his intent was they would give the schools a start and if you need more they would talk about that when the need arose.

Mr. Hill said one of the reasons Doug Martin thought he could get it done for the price he gave was because there are materials in the building that were worth something and the person that tore it down was going to get the benefit of selling the scrap metal and copper. He said he still thought that if you take bids for the whole building and there is not enough money and you want to just tear it down you would have to start all over again with additional bids. He said he didn't know if there were any laws that would prevent that but he would recommend that you get a bid for tearing it down and leaving the concrete there and another bid for the complete project. Ms. Weeks said she thought it sounded like a good plan. Dr. Watson said he would support it. He said they needed to be prepared to go to work to get more money if they needed it. Dr. Watson stated that he would like the two money people to understand that this board wanted both schools here not one or the other. He said they made an agreement to vote for the combined body of this campus and to keep that in mind. He said the board would have to really get involved. He said if they needed more money the board would be working toward that. He said they made that decision a long time ago and the superintendent at that time (Phillips and others) were very much involved in the discussions. He said it was not a secret. Michael said he understood that but they had to plan for their budget. He said when this was initially started it was one school one budget. Someone said it was never one budget. He said the problem is now we have two separate budgets so we have to make sure we function together. Dr. Watson said he understood what he was saying but he wanted him to understand that the board tries to protect two schools. Dr. Dickinson said she thought working together would be fine. Mr. Hill said he gets calls from Judge Newbern and Carolyn (neighbors) and they want to know what the plans are for the land after the building is gone. Ms. Coleman said there are concerns but she thinks the biggest concern right now is getting the building down.

Ms. Weeks adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.

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Mary Weeks, Chair

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Faith McLaughlin, Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met for their monthly meeting on August 16, 2016.

**Present:** Mary Weeks, Chairperson; Dr. Doug Watson, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Board Member; Everett Elam, Board Member; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest residents

Ms. Weeks called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. She stated the next meeting would be September 20, 2016.

**16-J-0010 Motion to Approve Minutes**

Ms. Weeks asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Dr. Watson made a motion to approve the July minutes and Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Weeks said the agenda shows no action items but she did want to mention that both the Blind School and the Deaf School are developing a committee to look into the bike trail issue. She said the Board wants to hear what the community at large, the Deaf School community and the Blind School community feel about the bike trail. She said she did not feel it should be just a Board decision. She said she felt this was a situation that affects both schools and there are a lot of concerns that are viable. She said there are also positives as well. She said the committees would report at the October meeting with one spokesperson for each committee. Mr. Elam asked if anyone had contacted Eric Yarberry. Ms. Weeks said he needed to talk to Roy DePriest.

Ms. Weeks said she thought the Easter Seals building was at a point where both business managers have gotten together and there was some expense that will occur in preparing the building in different ways. She said she knew the Blind School had already been out about \$10,000 and the Board feels the expenses should be shared. She stated the property is owned by both schools.

**Discussion Items**

**Jeanne Tribett -ASB Parent Representative**

Ms. Tribett said ASB had an awesome beginning to the school year. She said they have a full staff with the new principal and resource teacher in place.

She said the current enrollment is 97. She said ASB has 15 new students: 5 in the STAAC program and the remainder across other grades in the school. She said ASB received their ACT Aspire scores and were very pleased with the progress that was made in the area of science (both schools). She said the school rolled out their new Middle School program and the students are working in teams with the names of “Thunder Clouds” and “the Blizzards”. She said teachers are collaborating in grades 6, 7, 8 and the Middle School class in the Learning Center. She said two upstairs classrooms were renovated and turned into the Middle School Science Lab. The focus is to help the middle level child become more independent and more successful as they near high school. She said most classes have been equipped with Smart Boards and laptop computers to allow students equal access to the virtual world. She said new science curriculums were purchased for the elementary school and a variety of adaptive teaching tools were bought for the secondary students. She said Ms. Geoghegan has started an ECC (Expanded Core Curriculum) tip of the week for teachers to work on specific independent living skills across the campus. She said our Social Worker, Meg Berry, created a new referral form that will be put on the website that will highlight her services and allow her to more accessible to parents and community members. She said that was all she had.

### **Harry Pompeo – ASD Parent Representative**

Mr. Pompeo said ASD has about 24 new students on campus and are expecting more. He said they have two new teacher aides and two new teachers. He said they are looking for long-term subs. He said ASD has a new schedule this year and is like a block schedule for Middle School and High School. He said it seems to be working very well. He said there is training on campus. He said PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) is one of them. He said they are doing Active Shooter training, CPR and First Aide training. He said parents had an opportunity to come in and help set up classrooms. He said Sunday was registration day. He said moving on to athletics, July 31<sup>st</sup> they had 30 out of 45 students come to the campus. He said there was a sports camp that focused on football, volleyball and cheerleading. He said they practiced every morning from 6-8 and several times during the day. He said volleyball practice was early in the morning to avoid the heat. He said they appreciated the Blind School allowing them to use their pool so the cheerleaders could practice lifts. He said this Thursday will be the first football game against Ridgeway and it is an away game. He said August 25<sup>th</sup> the football team will travel to the Louisiana School for the Deaf. He said volleyball will go the northwest to Lifeway Baptist campus. He said the ASD sports schedule can be found on the website or the Booster Club website. He said that was all he had to report.

There being no further Joint business, the agenda moved to the School for the Blind.

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Mary Weeks, Chair

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Faith McLaughlin, Secretary