



## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

[Tuesday, May 25, 2021]

**In Attendance:** Brian Maune, Tina Ward, Shelby Thomas, Dr. Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney

**Absent:** Alicia Gillen, Eli Keller

### Call to Order

Dr. Linda Remele

*Dr. Remele called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.*

### Roll Call

Stephen Delaney

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Comments

*There was one (1) public comment from Mike Townsend, a teacher at Robinson High School, concerning the COVID-19 additional compensation pay and the specifics of how and when it would be distributed, along with recommendations for calculating the amount given.*

### Action Items - New Business

Arkansas Department of Education's 1240 Waiver Request- Shawn Burgess

Vote to approve Arkansas Department of Education's 1240 Waiver Request

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded (None)

Motion died for lack of a second.

COVID-19 Pandemic Additional Compensation Pay - Dr. Charles McNulty and Shawn Burgess

Vote to approve COVID-19 Pandemic Additional Compensation Pay

- Motion by Shelby Thomas

- Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



### Sylvan Hills High School Cooling Tower Replacement

Vote to approve Sylvan Hills High School Cooling Tower Replacement

- Motion by Tina Ward

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

### DESEG Status Update - Devin Bates

*Mr. Bates provided the Board with a memo detailing the Judge's ruling on the Facilities section of the District's desegregation plan. He shared that the Judge had ordered the District to submit a proposal/plan of what items they will address as it relates to Mills High School. Additionally, he did specifically cite some facilities issues, however it did not necessarily mean that it had to be repaired by the District. Mr. Bates also shared that the Judge advised the District to consult with the Intervenors for their input regarding the plan that is due August 1, 2021. There was discussion regarding the planning process and the Intervenors' ability to appeal the plan.*

### Comments from the Board

*Ms. Ward expressed her excitement for the District's high school graduates and that the graduation ceremonies were very nice. She also shared her concerns regarding the hospitality at the Robinson High school graduation ceremony; she was told that there were only two seats for board members and that she did not have a seat. Ms. Ward stated that she would like that concern addressed by administration and that her feelings were hurt.*

*Mr. Maune stated that he was looking forward to the parent meeting on June 3, 2021 and wanted to thank the administration for scheduling it.*

*Mr. Thomas echoed the sentiments made by Ms. Ward regarding the high school graduation ceremonies that they were really nice. He also stated that there should always be a seat at the table for a board member. Mr. Thomas apologized to Ms. Ward and he stated that if it bothers her, then it is a problem.*

*Dr. Remele added that the graduations were great and that she liked that they took place on each school's campus in their individual stadiums.*

### Superintendent's Comments

*Dr. McNulty started by apologizing to Ms. Ward and stated that he would address the issue with the Robinson High School administration. He shared that there would be parent meetings taking place next week at Robinson and Maumelle Middle schools and the following week at Sylvan Hills and Mills Middle schools regarding the block*



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*scheduling. Dr. McNulty then expressed his gratitude for the professionalism and commitment of District staff in making through the whole school year during a pandemic with success. He added that the District will own their mistakes and continue the commitment to all students. Dr. McNulty stated that all students have value and he wants all students to excel at a national level. He encouraged everyone to enjoy their summer break and thanked the Board and the professional staff.*

## **Adjournment**

Vote to adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.*

- Motion by Shelby Thomas

- Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)