

Marked Tree Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were: Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., Mr. Bryan Parrish, Ms. Dana Ashcraft, Ms. Jessica Fernandez and Ms. Vickie Green. President Dana Ashcraft called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

I. TEACHER AND STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Third Grade Elementary Math/Science Teacher Tiffany Gibson has been with the District since 2012. She described her students' hands on assignments and projects involving such things as building balloon cars to observe the various distances they can travel and dissecting owl pellets to examine its contents. She also described activities implemented from the Ron Clark Academy.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Jr made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial report was presented by Superintendent Matt Wright. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

IV. CONSIDER LIABILITY INSURANCE CONTINUANCE:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to continue the liability insurance policy for the district. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

V. CONSIDER ERATE CONTRACT:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to contract with ERate Consulting for an 18 month period for approximately \$9,000 if the District is awarded Category 2 Funds to be responsible for all the competitive bidding, purchasing, application submission, billing and disbursement of funds, inventory process and inspections. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

VI. CONSIDER SG360 CONTRACT:

Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to give a 90 day notice to SG360 to terminate their contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSS AMI COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

Superintendent Matt Wright stated that he received feedback from parents regarding the AMI procedure during the snow days. He explained that results from the survey expressed mostly positive feedback..

VIII. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND TIMELINE:

Superintendent Matt Wright informed board members that a lot of work is going on with the structural engineering and that he will be meeting with the architect Thursday to look at the electrical aspect of the project. He stated that early bidding packages are being put together for relocating utilities, dirt work, laying foundations, retrofitting the roof for state approval. He also announced that the architect or construction manager will be present at the March board meeting to discuss progress.

IX. REPORT FROM BUILDING PRINCIPALS:

Elementary Principal Lisa Gray announced that students will observe their Valentine's parties February 14 and that on the 23rd they will be reading the book of the month and dressing as the characters in the book. Students will also have a talent show related to the book reading.

High School Principal Kim Smith reported that the JRHI Girl's and Boys Basketball teams finished runners up in the conference and that SRHI boys are still undefeated. She announced that Regionals will be held here next week. Also that JRs will take their ACT at the end of the month and that preparations are in place for 12th grade graduation. High School Principal Kim Smith also reported that high school students raised \$435 and elementary students raised \$523 for Make a Wish.

X. BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Superintendent Matt Wright discussed the following board training opportunities:

- a. Southern Region Leadership Conference – Biloxi, MS July 22-24
- b. Ron Clark Academy – Atlanta Nov. 15-16

XI. PERSONNEL:

President Dana Ashcraft called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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- a. Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Samantha Drewett at the end of the FY18 school year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS (from BOARD MEMBERS):

No other business was discussed.

President Dana Ashcraft adjourned the meeting.

Ms. Dana Ashcraft
Board President

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr.
Board Secretary