

Marked Tree Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on November 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were: Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., Mr. Bryan Parrish, Ms. Dana Ashcraft, and Ms. Jessica Fernandez. Members absent: Ms. Vickie Green. President Dana Ashcraft called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

I. TEACHER RECOGNITION:

Asst. Elementary Principal Tina Hotchkiss introduced GT Coordinator Teresa Rogers. Ms. Rogers has 30 years experience as GT Coordinator and spent most of her time at Valley View. She presented Gifted and Talented handbooks which are to serve as a guide in program development and implementation of the district GT program for the board to review and adopt. She informed board members that the program will be monitored in February. Ms. Rogers informed board members that a group of GT students will compete this week in Quiz Bowl and also, that the students were being exposed to sign language as well as Spanish language and that the students will also be competing in chess tournaments in the coming months.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING , OCTOBER 16, 2017:

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2017:

Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Special Called Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial report was presented by Superintendent Matt Wright. Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

V. CONSIDER ASBA ACCIDENTIAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE:

Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to continue in force the ASBA Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for the district. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.

VI. DISCUSS AMI ROLLOUT PLAN:

Superintendent Matt Wright announced to the board that the AMI Rollout Plan has been approved by the ADE and will be available should the district need to implement it in times of unexpected and unavoidable dismissals.

VII. **REVIEW SCHOOL BOARD HOURS FOR JANUARY REPORT:**

Superintendent Matt Wright reviewed board training hours with board members for accuracy.

VIII. **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND TIMELINE:**

Superintendent Matt Wright informed board members that on October 18 he and other administrators traveled to Oak Grove Elementary to tour their campus which has a similar set up as the plans for the district in way of entry of the buildings. He announced that on November 9 the bonds were sold and that money will be coming to the district in a fairly quick manner and first steps will begin to proceed with the proposed projects.

IX. **BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Elementary Asst. Principal Tina Hotchkiss reported that the Book Fair has begun and that November 14 will be parent/teacher conference. She also reported that November 15 would be the school wide flu clinic and that classes will dismiss at the end of the day on Friday to begin the week long Thanksgiving Break. Asst. Principal Tina Hotchkiss also reported that the Honor Choir will perform at the Capitol building in Little Rock on December 15.

High School Principal Kim Smith reported that on November 17 SRHI football players will travel to Mt. Ida for 2nd round playoff games. She also announced that after school tutoring will begin on Monday November 27 and that Ms. Pharis and a group of students will perform their annual Christmas play on December 8.

X. **BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Superintendent Matt Wright discussed the following board training opportunities:

- a. NSBA Annual Conference – April 7-9 San Antonio, TX
- b. A.S.B.A. Annual Conference – December 6-8 Little Rock (Marriot Hotel)

XI. **PERSONNEL:**

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

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- a. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to accept the resignation of Laurie Ellis effective 11-10-17. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.
- b. Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to hire Sergeant Melvin Robinson for 130 days for the FY18 school year beginning November 14, 2017 at the minimum army requirement pay. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

XII. **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