



## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

[Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:00p.m.]

**In Attendance:** Tina Ward, Alicia Gillen, Brian Maune, Eli Keller, Stephen Delaney,  
Shelby Thomas

**Absent:** Dr. Linda Remele

### **Call to Order**

Shelby Thomas

*Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

### **Roll Call**

Stephen Delaney

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Comments**

*There was one public comment from State Representative Mark Lowery. Mr. Lowery shared that he had received phone calls from Maumelle area teachers regarding a vaccination passport being required as a condition of employment. He stated that there was no law requiring such. Mr. Lowery also shared that bills regarding Critical Race Theory, privilege teachings, etc were not passed during legislation; however an opinion from the attorney general's office that would reiterate that those kinds of teachings would violate the Equal Protection Clause and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, therefore a constitutional violation. He added that by law parents have the right to review instructional and curriculum materials and protest it through the proper channels. In closing, Mr. Lowery stated that he wanted to bring these items to the Board's attention and that he is available as a resource to the District, if needed.*

### **Certified P.P.C. Presentation**

*There was no Certified PPC Presentation.*

### **Classified P.P.C. Presentation**

*There was no Classified PPC Presentation.*

### **Reports**

#### **School Choice Applications Report**

*Dr. Janice Warren presented a report regarding the number of School Choice Applications received, accepted and rejected for the 2021-2022 school year.*



### **Professional Development Update**

*Dr. Alesia Smith shared with the Board the list of professional development training that took place in the District during the 2020-2021 school year.*

### **Financial Updates**

Ms. Rowlett

### **Construction Updates**

Mr. Johnson

### **Action Items - Old Business**

*There was no old business.*

### **Action Items - New Business**

Maumelle High School -New Weight Room - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Maumelle High School - New Weight Room

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Eli Keller

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

EL Achieve - Curriculum for ESOL - Jo Ann Koehler

Vote to approve EL Achieve- Curriculum for ESOL

- Motion by Stephen Delaney

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



Increase in Daily Substitute Teacher Rates- Shawn Burgess

Vote to Increase in Daily Substitute Teacher Rates

- Motion by Eli Keller

- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Revision of 2021-2022 School Year Calendar - Shawn Burgess

Vote to approve Revision of 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Proposal to Judge Marshall on Facilities - Dr. Charles McNulty and Devin Bates

Vote to approve Proposal to Judge Marshall on Facilities

- Motion by Stephen Delaney

- Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed



Approval of 2nd Lien Bond Application - Jack Truemper, Stephens, Inc.

Vote to approve Approval of 2nd Lien Bond Application

- Motion by Stephen Delaney

- Seconded by Alicia Gillen

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Update on Potential Refunding of August 23, 2017 Bond Issue and Approval to Proceed

Vote to approve Update on Potential Refunding of August 23, 2017 Bond Issue and Approval to Proceed

- Motion by Alicia Gillen

- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

### **Comments from the Board**

*Mr. Keller expressed that he was impressed with Dr. Smith's leadership over Elementary and Secondary education in the District, so much so he stated that one of her principals has gone on to be Superintendent at another District. Mr. Keller stated that he would be revisiting the proposal for a stipend for Dr. Smith at the next board meeting.*

*Ms. Ward thanked the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for their development and participation in a program for the children of the Sweet Home area. She shared that this program should help with decreasing discipline during the upcoming school year.*

*Ms. Ward stated that the PCSO would like to do more with our students with the proper authority from administration.*

*Additionally, Ms. Ward expressed her concern regarding the increasing number in positive cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant health and safety of those younger students who are not eligible to receive the vaccine. She stressed the importance of transparency and having those real conversations about how to keep our kids safe when masks are optional and not every staff member is vaccinated.*

### **Superintendent's Comments**

*Dr. McNulty started by announcing our two newest administrators to join the District, Mr. Echols and Ms. Saine. He thanked Representative Lowery for his attendance and comments and shared that he was not a part or aware of a vaccine passport. Dr. McNulty expressed his support for substitute teacher rate increases and appreciates their hard work this past school year. He shared that we are working hard as a District and that he appreciates Ms. Wards' comments and to add to that, our roles don't matter, it's what we do for kids that matters. Dr. McNulty continued that the school should be a safe place for students and how we approach the variant but the Arkansas legislature states we have to have options, while following recommended CDC*



guidelines and supporting students. He stated that while he's here his focus is on students. In closing, Dr. McNulty shared that his favorite part of the board meeting is the pledge of allegiance, mainly because of the last phrase, **with Liberty and Justice for all**, he thanked the board for acting on the proposal for Mills University Studies High School and the opportunity to do the right thing.

### **Consent Agenda**

Vote to approve Consent Agenda

- Motion by Alicia Gillen
- Seconded by Stephen Delaney

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

### **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

Vote to approve Minutes from June 8, 2021 Meeting

- Motion by Stephen Delaney
- Seconded by Eli Keller

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Stephen Delaney, Alicia Gillen, Tina Ward, Eli Keller

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

### **Employee Hearings/Level III Grievances**

*There were no Employee Hearings/Grievances.*

### **Adjournment**

Vote to adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.*

- Motion by Alicia Gillen
- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Tina Ward, Alicia Gillen, ShelbyThomas, Stephen Delaney, Eli Keller

Opposed

(None)