

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2022**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of 700 Clinton Street Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell. A quorum was established with six members present.

**Members Present:** Mr. Blake Bell, Vice President, Ms. Ida Tramble, Secretary, Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Ms. Gina White, Dr. Jeff Root, and Mr. Clark Tennyson.

**Member Absent:** Dr. Casey Motl, President.

**BADGER PRIDE**

Dr. Turner announced the Badger Pride Awards for February. They were as follows:

- a) February 7-11, 2022, is National School Counseling Week Counselors Zannielle Talley Perritt Primary, Paula Keeling Peake Elementary, Dana Tuggle Goza Middle School, Betty Macon AHS, and Shalonda McCoy AHS
- b) Perritt Staff – Angela Epley Secretary, LaSandra Beard, Karen Ford, Jalisa Bowers, Toma Anderson, and Paula McNeal Paraprofessionals.

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Karla Neathery stated that there was no one tonight.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) The minutes from the January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, and the February 1, 2022 Special Called Agenda Setting Meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous consent of the Board.
- b) The January 2022 Financials were presented by Tammy Barger.
- c) The 2020-2021 Audit by Arkansas Legislative Audits was discussed.
- d) Ida Tramble, Board Secretary, reviewed the results of the Board Self Evaluations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **Approval of a One-Time (non-recurring) Payment to all ASPD Contracted Employees**  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Tennyson, and carried 6-0 to approve the one-time payment of \$750 to all APSD Contracted Employees.
- b) **Approval of the Purchase of Iwave Air Purifiers**  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the purchase of 150 Iwave Ion Air Purifiers from R&E Supply in the amount of \$59,093.11. The purchase will be covered by a ELC/POC grant from Dawson Coop and be installed by maintenance staff in every classroom in the district.

c) **Approval of Smartboards**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the purchase of 17 Smartboards using Title I funds in the amount of \$48,944.40 for Peake and Goza.

d) **Approval of Policy 3-1 Stipend Schedule**

After some discussion a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tennyson, and carried 6-0 to approve tentatively with a 30 day read and bring it back on March 15 in the regular Board of Education meeting.

e) **Revisit Mask Mandate**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tennyson, and carried 6-0 to make the wearing of masks optional at APSD campuses.

f) **Superintendent Contract**

It was the consensus of the board to discuss the Superintendent's contract and the next item of personnel in executive session.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board and the Superintendent retired into executive session at 6.54 p.m. to discuss personnel. Upon returning to open session, the Superintendent made the recommendation, a motion was made by Dr. Harris seconded by Ms. Tramble, and carried 6-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

**Temporary Contract**

Julia Rawls	Special Ed Afterschool Tutoring	\$30/hour
Madison Rawls	Special Ed Afterschool Tutoring	\$30/hour

Mr. Bell stated that the Board would review the Superintendent's contract with counsel and bring it back up during the March 8 agenda setting meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Each Department submitted a report of the previous month's activities.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. NEATHERY**

- a) Thank you to all of our amazing APSD staff for their continued dedication to our students! We appreciate you so much!
- b) Staff Appreciation Luncheon at Peake-February 17 at 1:15
- c) February 17, 2022-Parent Teacher Conferences -2:00-7:00-No School
- d) February 18, 2022-Flex Day-No School
- e) February 21, 2022-Presidents Day-No School

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
IDA TRAMBLE, SECRETARY