

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2021

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the upstairs conference room at 700 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia, AR. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Motl at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with all seven members present.

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

BADGER PRIDE

Dr. Neathery asked Dr. Turner to announce the Badger Pride Awards for October. They were as follows:

- a) **National Principals' Month** – Heather Williams, Mary Snowden, Cheryl Merk and Callie Hunley
- b) **Custodian Appreciation Day** – Aundra Leeper, James Davis, Benny Jones, Rachel Davis, Paul Hale, Shawn Russell, Cletis Knox, Anderson Thomas, Michelle Clayton, Brenda Williams, Clarice Davis, Rob Ledford, Marcus Muldrew, Martin Newborn, Freda Newborn, Loukus Gulley
- c) **National Coaches Day** – Garrett Garner, Drew Loe, John Ware, Leon Ellis, Donald Williams, Steve Patterson, Mandy Stephenson, Jonathan Klein, Ryan Ellison, Roya Lloyd, Mike Adams, Kimberly Ellison, Griffin Pritchard, and Sarah Brawley
- d) **All-State Golf** – Gray Manning
- e) **Homecoming Coordinator** – Ashley Wesley
- f) **Bodacious Badgers** – GMS Assistant Principal Stephanie Givens, and students Jayquan Flemons, Spirit Golden, Cherokee Thompson, Harvey Cervantes, Josh Davis, Annabelle Klein, Jacob Calhoon, Anthony Bell, Chestin Mitchell, Ezra Campbell, Chase Smith, Jadyn Thompson, Ellie Echols, Sydney Greer, Grant Rollins, Whit Alderson, Kyo Randall
- g) **APSD Staff Recognition** – Jimmy King, Director of Support Services

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) The Minutes from the September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, and the October 5, 2021 Special Called Agenda Setting Meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous consent of the Board.
- b) The September 2021 Financials were presented by Tammy Barger.
- c) Dr. Jeanette Turner presented the Student Achievement Report, which included 2021 State Testing results.

- d) Campus Acceleration Plans were presented for each campus as follows:
 - a. Heather Williams, Perritt Primary School Principal
 - b. Mary Snowden, Peake Elementary School Principal
 - c. Cheryl Merk, Goza Middle School Principal
 - d. Callie Hunley, Arkadelphia High School Principal

Dr. Kenneth Harris left the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Revisit Mask Mandate** – Upon recommendation by Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Root and seconded by Ms. White, to make mask wearing optional throughout the district. After further discussion, and with the stipulation that the Superintendent retains the authority to change the mask policy based on COVID activity in Arkadelphia and Clark County, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-1. Voting for the motion were Dr. Root, Ms. White, Mr. Bell, Mr. Tennyson and Dr. Motl. Ms. Tramble voted against the motion.
- b) **Authorization to sell district real and surplus property** –Following review and discussion of an update to Policy 7.13, a motion was made by Mr. Tennyson to accept the recommendation of Administration to seek a Fair Market Value appraisal of surplus property, and to adopt the Policy update. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and Dr. Root, and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

PERSONNEL

The Board remained in open session to consider personnel. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following personnel actions:

Employment of Certified Staff:

Shalonda McCoy	School Counselor	210 Contract	Effective Date 1/03/2022
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Temporary Employment:

Mason Holder	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour
Brandi Cotton	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour
Annalee Diehl	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour
Elizabeth Hill	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour
Micah Resnick	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour
Josiah Elmore	After School Tutoring	\$30/hour

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. NEATHERY

- a) Thursday, October 21-1/2 AM Work Day and 1/2 PM PTC- 2:00-7:00
- b) Friday, October 22-Flex Day
- c) Thursday, October 28-Capturing Kids' Hearts Process Champions Training
- d) Tuesday, November 2 @5:00-APSD Agenda Meeting
- e) Facility Update

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



IDA TRAMBLE, SECRETARY