



Board of Education Meeting Minutes

[Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.]

In Attendance: Dr. Laurel Tait, Heather Smith, Tina Ward, Lindsey Gustafson, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller, Stephen Delaney

Call to Order

Lindsey Gustafson

Mrs. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Stephen Delaney

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Lori Acutt addressed the Board with her concerns of a teacher in the District saying the “n” word in the presence of students and again to another employee. Ms. Acutt stated that Dr. Smith met with the Principal and Assistant principal and that 4th grade students do not need to hear that word.

Karen Maynard greeted the Board and noted that she was pleased to see the District’s school visitors policy reverted back to the previous policy prior to the pandemic. Ms. Maynard then stated her concern was that the policy seemed to be different at every school and asked that District administration address the discrepancies so that parents can visit their student’s school.

Certified P.P.C. Presentation

Ms. Robinson, PPC Certified Chairperson, greeted the Board and wished a Happy International Women’s Day to all the women in attendance. She stated that March 14 was the last day of the 3rd quarter and that students and teachers, alike, were excited about the upcoming Spring Break. Ms. Robinson added that the ACT Aspire assessment was the next major task. She shared that the MAP scores were increasing and that identified teachers were celebrated within the schools and on the District’s facebook page for their accomplishments in increasing their students MAP scores. Ms. Robinson expressed that teacher morale is a top priority for the PPC Committee and District administration and that a survey would be sent to teachers to gather feedback on their experience/needs so that teachers are supported and empowered in doing their job. She continued by saying that Teachers are still Heroes in this ongoing pandemic. Ms. Robinson ended her comments by stating that updated policies would be presented to the Board by April and that the Committee and District administration are working through any issues.

Classified P.P.C. Presentation



Reports

Inspiration in Education Award

Jessica Duff, Executive Director of Communications, presented the Inspiration in Education Award for the 3rd quarter to Erikka Johnson, Interim Principal, at Harris Elementary School.

Financial Updates

Ms. Rowlett

Construction Updates

Mr. Johnson

Action Items - Old Business

School Board Reorganization - Dr. Janice Warren

Vote to approve School Board Reorganization Zoning Map

-Motion by Stephen Delaney

-Seconded by Dr. Laurel Tait

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Action Items - New Business

Remote Attendance Policy - Board Request

Vote to approve the Remote Attendance Policy with the revision of notifying the Superintendent or the Superintendent's assistant at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

-Motion by Stephen Delaney

-Seconded by Heather Smith

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Board Policy 5.17P2 Graduation Exercises - Dr. Yolaundra Williams



Vote to approve Board Policy 5.17p2

-Motion by Tina Ward

-Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Mills Middle Chill Water Pump - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Mills Middle Chill Water Pump

-Motion by Shelby Thomas

-Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Chenal Elementary Fire Alarm System - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Chenal Elementary Fire Alarm System

-Motion by Shelby Thomas

-Seconded by Tina Ward

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Sylvan Hills Middle Fire Alarm System - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Sylvan Hills Middle Fire Alarm System

-Motion by Tina Ward

-Seconded by Heather Smith

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed



Mills University Studies High IPF Observation Deck Viewing Platform/Seminar Room HVAC Adjustment Duct Silencer - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Mills University Studies High IPF Observation Deck Viewing Platform/Seminar Room HVAC Adjustment Duct Silencer

-Motion by Tina Ward

-Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Joe T. Robinson DRIVEN SOI Restrooms Finish - Curtis Johnson

Vote to approve Joe T. Robinson DRIVEN SOI Restrooms Finish - Doyne Proposal

-Motion by Stephen Delaney

-Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Sylvan Hills High Band Uniforms - JoAnn Koehler

Vote to Sylvan Hills High Band Uniforms

-Motion by Eli Keller

-Seconded by Heather Smith

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

Comments from the Board

Ms. Ward gave compliments to the College Station Elementary teachers and students for increasing their test scores and for the way the administration reached out to parents to inform them of the testing. She then thanked the Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent, the superheroes of the District, for their vigilance and for always being hands-on and visible at all the schools.



Mr. Keller commended and thanked Ms. Burgess for the thankless jobs she does for the District. He shared that she sat with poise and decorum during the recent trial/court proceedings. Mr. Keller thanked Ms. Ward and Mr. Delaney for their presence at the trial as well as Dr. McNulty, who was hired into the District and immediately tasked with lawsuits and has kept a positive disposition at all times.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. McNulty shared that it had been two years since the Coronavirus pandemic started when chromebooks and packets were being disseminated to all students as District schools were shut down and he couldn't be prouder and happier of the great work the District's professional staff and students have done with dramatic outcomes and growth in the 96/97th percentile. He gave a shout out to the Board: Ms. Ward and the great turnout at College Station Elementary and the Maumelle Police Department in securing area schools while responding to an incident. Dr. McNulty then expressed his appreciation to the parents and the Communications Department under the direction of Ms. Duff.

Consent Agenda

Vote to approve Consent Agenda

-Motion by Shelby Thomas

-Seconded by Stephen Delaney

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. and returned to the public meeting at 7:39 p.m. and announced that the Board continues to negotiate the terms of the Superintendent's contract.

Adjournment

Vote to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

-Motion by Tina Ward

-Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Tina Ward, Stephen Delaney, Lindsey Gustafson, Heather Smith, Dr. Laurel Tait, Eli Keller, Shelby Thomas

Opposed

(None)

Motion Passed