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Arkansas Arts Academy
School Board Meeting
October 10, 2017

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Establish a quorum/Roll Call: Joe DeRouen, Tony Beardsley, David Russell, Anthona Porcia, Alicia Knotts. Board members absent are Asele Mack and Howard Alsdorf.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion was made and seconded to accept consent agenda. Motion also made to approve board minutes from previous month. Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Skelton, Assistant Principal for the Elementary/Middle School campus gave update on campus activities as well as update/attendance for classes held during fall break. He also advised that were testing a group of students immediately following two week break to determine if there was any drop in grades. Board questioned what remediation was being offered. At this time remediation is offered mainly math and literature.

Heather Wright, Principal for the high school campus gave an update on growth and success of her weekly newsletter. Policy on discipline and dress codes were also discussed and are currently being rewritten.

Patrick Horath with Flintco Construction gave short presentation regarding the status of the construction at the high school project, Areas poured and prepped for concrete pouring. Demolition also underway for the overhang at the Performing Arts Center.

Aaron Jones present a slide show of the events that have already taken place this year:

Crystal Bridges – Multiple tours since start of school year

Portfolio Day with 100 plus students present (will hopefully repeat next year)

Night at the Museum

Peel Mansion – School Days with approximately 1,200 students (deals directly with 4th grade Arkansas History). High School Drama wrote script and acted out performance.

MONAH – Great trips. Hoping for AAA night at the Museum of Native American History.

Shiloh Museum – 4th Grade attended Sheep to Shawl.

Amazeum – Tinkerfest is soon and a great interactive program for students of multiple grade levels.

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Mary Ley, Superintendent, advised the Board of other new items we are currently working on:


We are working with an outside source to involve the students in a competition for the design of new mascot. Complete package on this project is \$1,500.

We have a new credit square that can be used for credit and debit cards for shows. Fee is 3%.

New Maintenance employee is currently checking out both schools to determine what needs to be done.

We had a visitor from the Arkansas Department of Education, Mr. Freddie Scott. He gave all board members a handout and discussed board review, policies, different levels of items to be presented to the board and/or handled by administration (operational, etc.)

Motion was made and carried for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.



Tony Beardsley, President