

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Hope Board of Education

February 20, 2017

The Hope Board of Education met on Monday, February 20, 2017, with President Willie Buck presiding. The following members were present: Mildred Green, Linda Haynes, Viney Johnson, Jesus Coronado, Jimmy Courtney and Denny Dickinson.

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence by President Willie Buck.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 17th and January 26th meetings.

The January expenditures were approved on a motion by Denny Dickinson with a second by Linda Haynes. Motion carried 7-0.

The Chevron Reports for all campuses were presented to the board by the Curriculum Coordinator Portia Jones. The fluctuations in academics, attendance, and discipline from the first quarter to the second were included in these reports.

At this time, Superintendent Bobby Hart recognized Mika Brown. Mika is a seventh grader at Hope Academy of Public Service and recently won the Hempstead County Spelling Bee for the third consecutive year.

The implementation of a school based health clinic was presented to the board by School Nurse Renee Sells and Medical Professions Instructor Gretchen Carlton. Grant funds are available pursuant to Act 180 of 2009 on a five year term. By common consent, the board voted to appoint Linda Haynes as the board liaison for the program.

School Improvement Specialist Carla Narlesky presented the 45-day Report for Beryl Henry and Hope High School. The report included setting goal proficiency standards, professional development, climate building, plans to offset teacher/student absenteeism, and curriculum development.

The letter from the Arkansas Department of Education dated January 27, 2017, listing the academic distress status of Hope High School was discussed.

Superintendent Bobby Hart congratulated the Alternative Learning Program at Hope High School as being named a "Premier Program" by the Arkansas Department of Education. He also

expressed appreciation to the Yerger Alumni Association for providing valentine gift bags to all students at Yerger Middle School. The superintendent discussed the potential funding decrease of \$900,000 in 17-18 due to the decline in student enrollment of the current school year.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the possible addition of ninth grade students at the Hope Academy of Public Service. On a motion by Denny Dickinson with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted unanimously to wait a couple of weeks on a decision and in the meantime the three options provided by the superintendent will be sent out to all HAPS Parents/Guardians. Those options are:

Option I - 9th grade students transition to HHS as regular 9th grade students. They are integrated in all 9th grade courses with non-HAPS students. Students will be transported to UAH for one 3-hour credit course in the fall semester and 1 3-hour credit course in the spring semester.

Option II - 9th grade students stay on the Garland Campus. Core instruction is provided through online or virtual classes. Students will be transported to HHS as needed for elective courses they choose and will be transported to UAH for 1 3-hour credit course in the fall semester and one 3-hour credit course in the spring semester.

Option III - 9th grade HAPS students attend a school within a school on the HHS campus. The HAPS students will be segregated from non-HAPS students. The HAPS concept of public service and service learning days will continue as well as all other HAPS ideas and concepts. Students will be transported to UAH for one 3-hour credit course in the fall semester and one 3-hour credit course in the spring semester.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted to renew the yard maintenance contract for \$41,370 from Stroud Construction and Lawn Care for the March 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Jesus Coronado with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted to approve the purchase of legal liability insurance with Bancorpsouth Insurance Services, Inc., for \$7,111 for a one-year period starting April 15, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Jimmy Courtney with a second by Jesus Coronado, the board voted to accept as a proposal to send the ROTC stipend of \$1500 for drill team duties back to the Personnel Policies Committee. Motion carried 6-1 with Viney Johnson voting against.

On a motion by Denny Dickinson with a second by Mildred Green, the board voted to approve the contract with Generation Ready for Beryl Henry using Title I Funding for \$45,000. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Jesus Coronado, the board voted to change Policy 7.13 to change the inventory threshold to \$1,500 from the typographical error on the policy that listed it as \$1,000. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Denny Dickinson with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted to approve the Facilities Master Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Jimmy Courtney with a second by Mildred Green, the board voted to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and deny the facilities rental requests of the Canes Organization. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Mildred Green, the board voted to approve the facilities rental request of the SW Arkansas District Association Congress of Christian Education noting that they must pay the fees per the policy. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Jesus Coronado, the board voted to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and reject the facilities rental request of the Texarkana Silverbacks. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Mildred Green with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted to approve both of the facilities rental requests of the HHS AFJROTC. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Jimmy Courtney with a second by Denny Dickinson, the board voted to approve the facilities rental request of the Brotherhood of Fulton. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Denny Dickinson, the board voted to approve the facilities rental request of Rosalyn Davis for the Eva Dennis Memorial Pageant. During this discussion, Jesus Coronado stepped out of the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Coronado reentered the meeting after the vote.

The superintendent presented the application for the Hope Academy of Public Service for informational purposes.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Denny Dickinson, the board voted to accept the retirement of Kathy Hodges as HHS Teacher at the end of the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Linda Haynes with a second by Jimmy Courtney, the board voted to assign the duties of Parent Involvement Coordinator to Kelly Muldrew. Motion carried 7-0.

The contract of Superintendent Bobby Hart was extended for one year on a motion by Denny Dickinson with a second by Mildred Green. This action changed the expiration date of Superintendent Hart's contract to June 30, 2020.

Meeting adjourned.

Willie Buck
President

Mildred Green
Secretary