

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members Present: Dr. Casey Motl, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.; Vice President; Ms. Goodman, Secretary, Ms. Paulette Blacknall, Ms. Gina White, Mr. Randy Turner, and Dr. Jeff Root.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, provided the District's Annual Report to the Public at 5:15 p.m.

The President called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum with seven (7) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2018 and special meeting of September 6, 2018 were approved.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

During the Report of Excellence, Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, assisted Dr. Whitten in honoring the classified personnel who received the honor of "Classified Employee of the Year" for 2018-2019. Honored, but unable to attend, was **Ms. Zina Bailey**, Office/Support Staff. Those present to receive their awards were **Ms. Barbara Baker**, Food Service, **Mr. James Williams**, Transportation, **Ms. Rachel Davis**, Custodial/Maintenance, and **Ms. Karen Ford** Classroom Staff and District Employee of the Year.

MOVE AN AGENDA ITEM

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, to move the discussion of the Financial Statements down to Adoption of the 2018-19 District Budget in the agenda.

BUILDING UPDATE

Dr. Whitten reported on the Topping Out Ceremony that was held last week. He also pointed out the monthly updates provided by Nabholz and stated that they are still on target for a May completion of the project.

CONSIDERATION OF ESEA ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the ESEA Assurance Statement.

CONSIDERATION OF FIXED ASSET DELETIONS LIST OF FY17-18

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the fixed assets deletions list of FY-17-18.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for August.

ADOPTION OF 2018-19 DISTRICT BUDGET

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2018-19 budget packet for the District as reviewed and presented by the District Budget Committee. Dr. Whitten summarized the guidelines for preparing and submitting the annual budget to the state. Upon the recommendation of the Administration and the Budget Committee, and after discussion a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to approve the 2018-19 district budget as presented.

UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR THE CHILDCARE CENTER

The Superintendent reported that internal items are being addressed for cost savings, Ms. Hines is working on grants, and there has been community support demonstrated. Formal committees will form soon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CACFP GRANT APPLICATION

Dr. Whitten stated that Ms. Hines is applying for a grant that will provide food for the programs at the Early Childcare Center, PreK at Perritt, and Peake Rosenwald.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to consider personnel. In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel action:

MEDICAL LEAVE

Sara Hart From – October 15, 2018 to – December 3,2018 Location AHS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY