

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 6:00 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. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Dr. Jeff Root, Mr. Randy Turner, and Ms. Gina White. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved minutes of the June 19 Workshop, June 19 Regular Called, July 31 Special Session, August 7 Agenda Planning, and August 10 Special Session.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Donnie Whitten stated no one tonight.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT/REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Dr. Whitten stated this item would be moved to include the School Opening and Update on PreK Programs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dr. Whitten asked the Board to refer to the monthly construction progress report provided to them by Nabholz. He stated that Nabholz has bi-monthly meetings and Les Wood attends as a representative of the district.

CONSIDERATION OF MILK AND BREAD BIDS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent; a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to approve the bids of Bimbo Bakery for bread and Hiland Dairy for milk for 2018-19 school year.

SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

Dr. Whitten stated that all principals had reported good starts to the school year.

OVERVIEW OF ADVANCED ACCREDITATION REPORT

Dr. Whitten reviewed the AdvancED Engagement Review Report and discussed the powerful practices and one improvement priority.

UPDATE ON PREK PROGRAMS

Tasha Hines, Director of Early Childhood, and Aiga Porter, Director of the Early Childhood Center, gave an update on both PreK and childcare center programs and funding. After some discussion, a consensus was arrived by the Board directing the Superintendent to find a formalized approach to funding the Early Childhood Center, involving the community and to give an update of the progress in the September Board of Education meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY PAY FOR 2017-2018

The Superintendent presented listings of the Certified and Classified extra duty payments for 2017-18. Dr. Harris made the motion, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the extra duty pay.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACT 1120

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to approve salary changes in accordance with Act 1120 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.

CONSIDERATION OF ASCIP ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the annual ASCIP Assurance Statement as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE AND BOARD MEMBER DISCLOSURES

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to adopt the resolutions disclosing the following vendors for the 2018-2019 school year. Those include Baba's Ever After's, Vince Herron employee, Roger's Auto and Equipment Repair, Kelly Rogers employee, Shane's Quality Construction, Patricia Yelverton employee, and Mary and Martha's Florist, Karrie Goodman Board Member.

ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to add to the agenda item #11 Consideration of Emergency Sewer Repairs.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner. and carried 6-0 to pay Bonner Plumbing for the emergency sewer repairs at the Goza Annex. This repair was not bid out due to the emergency manner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Whitten stated the PPC members were present tonight and they were moving forward with an updated stipend schedule to present to the Board in the next regular meeting.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Employment

Andy Bell , Custodian/AHS; effective 08/22/2018 175 Days remaining

Medical Leave of Absence

Katie McGlone, Speech Language Pathologist/Goza, from November 5, 2018 to January 7, 2019

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY