

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES: OCTOBER 16, 2018**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium 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, Ms. Paulette Blacknall, and Ms. Gina White.

President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with seven (7) members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2018 and the October 2, 2018 agenda meeting were approved.

### **HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS**

Jessica Wright the certified PPC president spoke to the Board and requested a stipend increase for the certified staff. A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve taking the recommendation under advisement until more information is available.

### **REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

During a reception held prior to the Board meeting, the District's teachers of the year were honored. These individuals were featured in the Report of Excellence and were presented with awards:

### **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

**AHS: LTC Michael Shepherd**

**Peake: Joy Rippetto**

**Central: Kimberly Ellison**

**Perritt: Connie Hendrix**

**Goza and District Teacher of the Year: Whitney Smith**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Clair Mays and Nancy Mortensen recognized and presented a check from the ADE in accordance with the AP Computer Science A Incentive Program to Patrick Hayes. Patrick scored a 4 on the AP exam.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

### **BUILDING UPDATE**

Dr. Whitten pointed out the monthly updates provided by Nabholz and stated that they are still on target for a May completion of the project.

### **CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) REPORT TO THE PUBLIC**

The annual report to the public on CIPA was presented by the Superintendent to the Board and audience members. It was the consensus of the Board to support the annual CIPA report as presented.

### **SELECTION OF BOARD DELEGATE TO ASBA CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to appoint Dr. Kenneth Harris as the Board's delegate to the annual ASBA conference in December.

**CONSIDERATION STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Dr. Whitten passed out folders for the Board to review. After a moment for the Board to review, Dr. Whitten stated his recommendation to expel Student A for the remainder of the fall semester for violation of policy 4.17 and 4.17A. Ms. Goodman excused herself from the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Ms. Blacknall, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to accept the Superintendents recommendation.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board retired into executive session at 6:55 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 (Ms. Goodman returned to the meeting) to approve the following personnel action:

**Employment**

Robert Ledford                      Custodian/AHS                      Start date 10/29/17 126 days remaining

**Leave of Absence**

Kenneth Helms                      October 18, 2018/Peake                      November 5, 2018  
Kenneth Helms                      October 18, 2018/Bus Driver                      January 21, 2019

**ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 7-0 to add to the agenda discussion of November meetings.

**DISCUSSION OF NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 7-0 to move the November agenda meeting to November 8<sup>th</sup> and the regular Board of Education meeting to November 13<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**