

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 21, 2022**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of 700 Clinton Street Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Motl, president. A quorum was established with seven members present.

**Members Present:** Dr. Casey Motl, President, Mr. Blake Bell, Vice President, Ms. Ida Tramble, Secretary, Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Dr. Jeff Root, Ms. Gina White, and Mr. Clark Tennyson.

### **BADGER PRIDE**

Dr. Turner announced the Badger Pride Awards for June. They were as follows:  
Perritt Primary Admin and Teachers

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) The minutes from the May 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, the May 31, 2022 Special Called Meeting and the June 7, 2022 Agenda Setting Meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous consent of the Board.
- b) Clayton Vaden with Lewis Architect gave a facility update of the new Peake Elementary School.
- c) The May 2022 Financials were presented by Tammy Barger.
- d) The 2021-2022 School Nurses Reports were presented to the Board.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**a) Consideration of the Engineering Equipment from AHS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tennyson, and carried 6-0 to approve the donation of items to HSU and OBU as listed:

HSU

FANUC Robot Training station with IR Vision

Intellitek mill and robotic arm

Leftover FIRST Robotics Materials (Motors, Controllers, gears, etc.)

Digital Oscilloscopes and Multimeters

OBU

FANUC Robot Training Station

CNC Router Table

Tool Chest

Digital Oscilloscopes and Multimeters

**b) Approval of the MOU with OrthoArkansas**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the MOU as presented.

**c) Approval of the 2022-2023 APSD Handbook**

Dr. Turner requested a little more time for principals to work on this document.

**d) Approval of the SRO MOU**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Mr. Tennyson, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the SRO MOU as presented. Dr. Harris made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried 7-0 to amend the motion to include giving the Superintendent the authority to increase the agreement to three SRO's in the future.

**e) Approval of the Purchase of Chromebooks using Title I Funds**

Dr. Root left the room during this item
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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tennyson, and carried 7-0 to approve the purchase in the amount of \$28,427.00 to White River.

**f) Approval of the School Improvement Plans**

Each principal presented their school improvement plans for their campus. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent Mr. Tennyson made the motion, seconded by Ms. White and carried 7-0 to approve the school improvement plans with the understanding that the new Superintendent could make changes as she sees fit.

**g) Approval of New Textbook Adoption for Social Studies for Peake for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to approve the purchase of the new social studies textbooks for Peake Elementary in the amount of \$49,326.75 to TCI.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board and the Superintendent retired into executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss personnel. Upon returning to open session, the Superintendent made the recommendation, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Tramble, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

**Employment**

**Certified:**

Sydney Miller	First Grade Teacher/Perritt	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Shaylee Marshall	4th Grade Teacher/Peake	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Cheyenne Parker	Spec Ed Teacher/Perritt	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Magen Atkinson	Sec Math/Physics Tea/AHS	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Brett Serviss	Biology/Chemistry Tea/AHS	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Ryan Wilkerson	Assistant Band Director	Start Date: 7/6/22 215 Days Contract
Carlos Udave	Assistant Band Director	Start Date: 7/6/22 215 Days Contract
Sidney Medley	Middle School Math Teacher	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract

**Classified:**

Sharonda Bell	Spec Ed Paraprofessional	Goza	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract
Phyllis DeLoach	Spec Ed Paraprofessional	AHS	Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract

**Transfers:**

Jodie Daniel From: Instructional Facilitator/Peake -Dyslexia Interventionist Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract  
Kathy Crow From: 3rd Grade Teacher/Peake - ESOL Interventionist Start Date: 8/10/22 190 Days Contract

**Superintendent Contract:**

Dr. Motl stated the terms of the new superintendent will be as follows \$140,000 yearly to be paid in 12 monthly installments, period starting on July 1, 2022 continuing until June 30, 2025. Upon successful defense of her doctoral dissertation and being certified by the granting institution the annual salary will increase to \$150,000. All vacation, sick leave, and travel expenses will be the same as other contracted full year employees of APSD. The Board will provide the superintendent with all necessary technology to perform the functions of her job, which will include tablet/laptop computer and school owned cell phone. The Board will also provide a late model vehicle for the business and personal use of the Superintendent. Dr. Harris made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, and carried 7-0 to approve the contract for the new superintendent Nikki Thomas.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Each Department submitted a report of the previous month's activities.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. NEATHERY**

- a) APSD met with Chief Jackson today and he is working hard to provide the district an additional School Resource Officer for the 2022-2023 school year. APSD is excited about the partnership. Thank you Chief Jackson.
- b) July 4th the Central office will be closed. We hope that everyone has a safe and Happy Independence Day.
- c) I would like to thank the Board, APSD staff, students, parents, and the entire Arkadelphia community for allowing me to serve as your leader. I have certainly enjoyed working with you and for you. I appreciate your support, respect, and professionalism. I wish you all the best and look forward to following your success in the future! Congratulations to Mrs. Nikki Thomas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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IDA TRAMBLE, SECRETARY