

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES: NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, November 13, 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; Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Dr. Jeff Root, and Ms. Gina White. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four (4) members present.

Members absent: Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.; Vice President, and Ms. Paulette Blacknall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2018, and the November 8, 2018 agenda-setting meeting were approved.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Mr. Henry Wilson representing the Clark County NAACP, thanked the district for hiring Marcus Wilson an African-American teacher at Peake.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Dr. Whitten called Mr. Maxwell, Arkadelphia High School principal, to the podium. Mr. Maxwell showed a slide show of the Industrial Fair that was hosted by Arkadelphia. 12 schools participated and approximately 1400 students were in attendance over the two day event.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

BUILDING UPDATE

Dr. Whitten reported that the progress on the Goza Middle School is continuing and the brick is being laid on the outside. Nabholz is conducting construction meetings every two weeks and wants to schedule a Board tour sometime in the near future.

CHILDCARE CENTER UPDATE

Dr. Whitten along with Ms. Hines presented proposals for the center's shortages. The tuition will increase starting in January for all students. Other items are still in the planning stages and they will continue to update the Board and the public.

CONSIDERATION OF BID FOR CHROMEBOOKS

Dr. Whitten presented the bid recommendation from Dr. Anderson for 150 chrome books and licenses for Goza Middle School in the amount of \$40,408.65 from CDW-G. This purchase will be paid using federal funds. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 4-0 to approve the purchase of the chrome books.

CONSIDERATION OF CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR CONTRACTED STAFF

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 4-0 to approve giving all contracted employees a \$150.00 Christmas Bonus.

CONSIDERTION OF MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 4-0 to approve the classified salary schedule starting January 1, 2019 to reflect the new minimum wage increase per the election amendment #4.

ASBA CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dr. Whitten stated that the 2018 Annual ASBA Conference is December 5-7 at the Marriott Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock and the attendees will be Ms. Blacknall, Dr. Harris, Dr. Motl, and Dr. Whitten.

ANNUAL BOARD EVALUATION

Dr. Whitten stated the self-evaluation forms were in the Board packets and it was the consensus of the Board to have a new copy emailed to each Board member, fill them out and return to Ms. Goodman at the December Board workshop.

COORDINATION OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. White made a motion to forgo the regularly scheduled December board meeting and the December agenda setting meeting and have a December 4th Board workshop to discuss financials and a construction timeline for Peake Elementary with Facilities Coordinator Leslie Dyess. The motion was seconded by Dr. Root, carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENT OF THE ZONE 5 VACANCY

The Board retired into executive session at 7:04 p.m. to consider the appointment of the zone 5 vacancy. In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken: A motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 4-0 to appoint Blake Bell to the remainder of the zone 5 term.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 4-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

Resignation

LaKesha Perry School Nurse/Central, Perritt, Rosenwald, APSD ECC November 30, 2018

Retirement

Jacqueline Hill 6th Grade Teacher/Goza December 31, 2018

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY