

**Minutes of a Called Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
January 29, 2019**

The directors of the board met on the above date at 5:15 p.m. at the School Administration Office, 200 West Oak Street, with Susan Turbeville presiding. Other directors present were Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Renee Skinner, Keith Smith, and Shaneil Yarbrough. Director Todd Whatley was absent. Also, attending the meeting was Supt. Jim Tucker, Phillip Lansdell and Katie Sandifer.

Mrs. Turbeville called the meeting to order and stated it had been called to consider the hiring of a head football coach and another personnel matter. Athletic director, Phillip Lansdell said on Thursday, December 20, 2018 Scott Reed resigned as head football coach at El Dorado High School to take the head football coaching job at Cabot High School. On that same day a search began for the new head coach. A list of coaches was compiled to contact. Many coaches across the five state area inquired about the job. A committee of Superintendent Jim Tucker, Phillip Lansdell and Matthew Shepherd was formed. This committee met with ten very good coaches in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. All the coaches had previously been in the state finals and/or won state championships. The committee narrowed the list of nine down to three and conducted interviews, Mr. Lansdell said.

Wayne Gibson, Melissa Powell, Matthew Shepherd, Reggie Thomas, Phillip Lansdell and Jim Tucker conducted the interviews. Mr. Lansdell said after completion of the interviews a unanimous decision was made, by the superintendent, to recommend to the school board of El Dorado School District, Steven Jones to be the new head football coach at El Dorado High School. Coach Jones is currently head football coach at Junction City High School.

The board went into executive session at 5:25 p.m. and returned to an open session at 5:35 p.m. On a motion by Renee Skinner, seconded by Wayne Gibson and carried on a 6-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby hires Steven Jones as head football coach at El Dorado High School.

Following a time of discussion with the new coach, the board returned to an executive session at 5:50 p.m. to handle another personnel matter. They returned to an open session at 6:05 p.m. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Keith Smith and carried on a 6-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby renews a three-year contract with Superintendent Jim Tucker at an annual salary of \$166,000.00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.