Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Island Harbor Room

Board Members present: Dr. Rick Gales, Dr. Jerry Guess by Proxy (Dr. Andrew Curry), Mr. Doug Dorris, Mrs. Barbara Warren, Dr. Bill Glover, Dr. Janet Dickinson by Proxy (Mrs. Donna VanDevender)

Others Present: Cathi Swan, Wendy James, Mike Walker

I. **Call to Order:** After establishing a quorum, President Rick Gales called the meeting to order at 10:010a.m..

Approval of minutes: February 2022
Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Warren to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Doug Dorris
Vote 7-0

Ms. Donna VanDevender, Director in Instruction for AR School for the Deaf was introduced and welcomed. She is the Proxy for Dr. Janet Dickinson.

II. Financial Report: Financial overview was presented by Mrs. Swan. Motion to accept the financial report made by Mrs. Barbara Warren, second by Dr. Andrew Curry.
Vote 7-0

III. Personnel: The Board went into executive session. Upon returning executed the following personnel business:

- Contract Renewals
- Resignations
- New Hires
- Salary Schedules
- Non-Renewals

Motion to accept personnel as outlined made by Mrs. Barbara Warren, seconded by Dr. Andrew Curry.
Vote 7-0

IV. JATCC Transition to SeArk

Motion to complete the transition of JATCC to SeArk made by Dr. Andrew Curry, seconded by Mrs. Barbara Warren.
Vote 7-0

Mrs. Warren expressed appreciation to JATCC staff for their service to the students over the years stating that while we look forward to the potential for students in experiencing the college campus, we are concerned that they will not receive the hands on care that has been received by the ARESC staff since the inception of JATCC. The students have benefitted from the caring atmosphere of the teachers and staff.

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V. ARP Technology Grant Project: Request for Approval

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Technology Grant Project 2 information was presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Dr. Andrew Curry, seconded by Mr. Doug Dorris.
Vote 7-0

VI. Program Reports: Mike Walker, Assistant Director/Teacher Center Coordinator updated the Board on upcoming events and opportunities. Mr. Walker shared the summer catalog and demonstrated the format and searching capabilities. Several workshops were highlighted due to their importance and alignment with the needs assessment survey.

Dr. Celeste Alexander presented information on Human Capital. Dr. Alexander also offered the opportunity for BEI Recalibration training to the area districts. Dr. Alexander proudly announced that the Educator's Rising President is from Watson Chapel School District and the Region 4 Representative is from Pine Bluff High School.

VII. Directors Notes: Director Swan shared pertinent information with notes and links available in the digital binder.

Dr. Rick Neal, Director of Workforce Education and Data Transformation—Arkansas Ready for Life initiative shared information and instructions on the website for area Districts.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 12:07 by Mr. Doug Dorris, seconded by Dr. Andrew Curry.