

A meeting of the Board of Education of Hazen School District #2

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Regular Meeting No. 6

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Hazen School District was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order by David Strohl, President at 6:01 pm in the Hazen High School Library.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Johnny Tipton

PRESENT

All Board members were present. David Strohl; President, David Williams; Vice President, Johnny Tipton; Secretary, Richard Ingle, Sandra Penn, and Freddie Rogers.

HEARING

RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION: Neither the student nor any representatives of the student were present at the hearing. After information was presented by the superintendent for the board's consideration, a motion was made to accept the superintendent's recommendation for the expulsion for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion made by Johnny Tipton and second by Richard Ingle. Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the October 27 regular meeting were approved. Motion was made by Freddie Rogers and second by Johnny Tipton. Motion carried 5-0.

WARRENTS APPROVED

District Treasurer Warrants #20141-20282 and 39468-29587
Activity and Athletic Checks #74422-74443 and 74448-74449 and 74452-74479
Cafeteria Warrants #81195-81197 and #81200-81201 were approved. Motion by Johnny Tipton and second by David Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE PAY TO DELK CONSTRUCTION: Approve the recommendation of Superintendent Belford to pay Delk Construction \$514,642.64 for the construction cost on the Gymnasium. Motion made by Freddie Rogers and second by Richard Ingle.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE PAY TO DELK CONSTRUCTION: Approve the recommendation of Superintendent Belford to pay Delk Construction \$38,281.91 for the construction cost on the Elementary Building. Mrs. Belford stated the school had one more payment on the Elementary and that it would finish under budget. Motion made by Richard Ingle and second by David Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE TO PAY LEWIS ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS: Approve the recommendation of Superintendent Belford to pay Lewis Architects Engineers \$6,175.72 for architect fees on the Gymnasium. Motion by Johnny Tipton and second by Freddie Rogers. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE TO PAY BOBBY DERDEN: Approve the recommendation of Superintendent Belford to pay Bobby Derden Heating and Air \$4212.00 for a new Heat Pump System for the Elementary Art/Music rooms. Old system had went out, leaving no heat or air in those classrooms. Motion made by Richard Ingle and second by Freddie Rogers. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE SUBSCRIPTION TO LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS: Approve the recommendation of Superintendent Belford to purchase a one year subscription to Lexia Learning Systems software program for the elementary school in the amount of \$5,695.00 to be paid with NSLA funds. Mrs. Belford explained that this was a program we use as an intervention for our struggling Readers. It is a program we have used in the past, this is a renewal. Motion made by Richard Ingle and second by Johnny Tipton. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE TO PAY COMFORT SYSTEMS: Approve the recommendation by the Superintendent to pay Comfort Systems USA \$4,524.82 for annual gas line pressure checks and repairs. Pressure checks have to be done every year, it is mandated by the State. Motion made by Johnny Tipton and Freddie Rogers. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE PAY FOR FLOOR WAXING: Approve the recommendation by Superintendent Belford to pay JoAnn Sullivan \$77.58 per day for up to 5 days above regular contract time to wax the corridor in the Elementary Building during the Christmas Holiday. This is the new part of Elementary and they couldn't be waxed before school started. Motion made by Richard Ingle and second by David Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH EASTER SEALS ARKANSAS: Approve recommendation by Superintendent to contract services with Easter Seals Arkansas for 5 days at \$1250 per day. Easter Seals will come in work with our Staff and Self-contained classroom. Help train staff in the areas they need and help set up their classrooms to accommodate our

students with special needs. Motion made by Freddie Rogers and second by Johnny Tipton. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOK 11: Approve the recommendation by Superintendent Belford to purchase 60 Dell Chromebook 11 with Google Management License for the High School from White River Services for \$26,274.37. Motion made by Richard Ingle and second by Johnny Tipton. Discuss on the Tips Taps 1062812, Mrs. Belford explained that it is a consortium that Hazen Schools and White River Services belong to. Which means a company that belongs to it turns their bids into Tips Taps and their bid out, so the school doesn't have to get three bids. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL TRUCK: Approve the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase a 2006 GMC Sierra Extended Cab Truck for \$12,500 from Gerren Motor Company in England. School is in need of a school truck, since the other school truck was vandalized and burned up this past summer. School received approximately \$8000.00 for that truck from school insurance, so this would help in paying for the "new" truck. Also, Mrs. Belford would like to sell the "Goose Neck" trailer, that is no longer used. This will bring in more money to help pay for the truck. Motion made by Johnny Tipton and second by David Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CPPC: Unable to attend

PPC: Rebecca Shelman was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Belford said the PPC has started working on the updating the Personel Policy book.

PRINCIPALS: Elementary Principal, Jason Stewart had been on the Benchmark Reward trip today for 3rd – 8th grade students that made Advanced or Proficient on the Benchmark Test last year. Total of 139 students went. He also commended students on how well they behaved. Elementary Christmas parties will be Dec. 17 at 1:00 and invite the Board members to come watch how excited the students are.

High School Principal, Roxanne Bradow was unable to attend due to a prior meeting. Mrs. Belford reminded the Board our Sr. Football team will play their second round in the Playoffs here Friday night.

SUPERINTENDENT:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Workers are pouring cement for the slab for the gym. Steel beams should be going up next week. Plumbing for back part, locker rooms has been stubbed out. They are working on the front restroom plumbing now. Entergy will be here over the Thanksgiving break to come in and put in the new transformer. Painting in the new office in the High School right now. Plan on new office being finish by Christmas.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES: Mrs. Belford discussed the letter each board member received on Early Intervention Service of Fiscal Distress. She explained it was dealing with the 2013 Audit. There were nonmaterial findings in the audit. The findings were only dealing with errors in APSCN coding. All funds were accounted for, and the errors were fixed last year. She explained Early Intervention Services is technical support and assistance provided by ADE. The department will be working with the district on training and answering questions. The findings were dealing with internal control and segregation of duties. She stated that since July she has implemented procedures that should help internal control. The ASCN Field Representative for the district was changed, and the district is now receiving more training and assistance with APSCN. She and the bookkeeper have attended trainings together and have more scheduled. She and the bookkeeper have worked with the Superintendent and bookkeepers at Lonoke on procedures. She will work on updating the district policies on Fiscal and Business Management and plans to ask ADE for help with this.

The board was informed that the Prairie County Quorum Court had decided not to have the school districts in the county pay for the remaining Parcel Mapping of the county. She and Mr. Burns, the superintendent at Des Arc, spoke to the Quorum Court on this matter. The Court decided the county would have to find a way to pay for it.

Mrs. Belford reported that the internet broadband issue was a problem. She has ordered 2 more DSL lines for the district to try and resolve the problem until a better solution is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

The President of the Board declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 pm in the High School Library.