

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2019**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

**Members Present:** Dr. Casey Motl, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.; Vice President; Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Ms. Paulette Blacknall, Ms. Gina White, Mr. Blake Bell and Dr. Jeff Root. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with seven (7) members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2019, special called meeting of April 1, 2019, April 3, 2019, and special called agenda setting meeting of April 9, 2019 were approved as amended typographical errors.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT/ REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

Dr. Turner introduced Interim Athletic Director Donald Williams. Coach Williams called out the student athletes name and they came forth and received their All State Certificates. Those awards winners were as follows:

#### **All State Volleyball**

Jamari Whitaker

#### **All State Football**

Keaundre Dawson

Gabe Goodman

Kyren Harris

Lorenzo Lawson

Victor Tademy

Cannon Turner

#### **2018 Football State Champions**

#### **All State Wrestling**

Ricky Rogers

Rhett Womack

Reyna Rogers

Ross Womack

Alec Ruble

#### **State Champions Wrestling**

Ricky Rogers

Rhett Womack

#### **All State Boys Basketball**

Victor Tademy

#### **All State Swim and Dive**

Xander Adams

Hayden Harris

Dr. Turner introduced Ms. Nikki Thomas, Goza Middle School Principal. Ms. Thomas wanted to highlight a Fine Arts program from the district by introducing Reagan Morehead, Middle School Art Teacher. Ms. Morehead explained the art project and introduced student Josh Brim who displayed his art project and explained the process and inspiration behind his work.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board, Superintendent, and Business Manager reviewed the District’s financial statements for March.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Dr. Turner reported that Sancha Newton, Area Project Manager – Planning and Construction Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, visited the site this morning and everything appeared to meet State standards as determined by the Department of Education. Nabholz is on track for completion late April or mid-May due to all the rain. A ribbon cutting will be planned soon and we will get that date and time out to everyone as soon as possible.

**CONSIDER SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET FOR 2019-2020**

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2019-20 Special Education Budget. Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the budget as presented.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OF CHROME BOOKS AND LICENSES**

Administration requests approval to purchase 77 chrome books and licenses in the amount of \$24,459.82 from CDW-G for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Goza Middle School. Upon approval, purchases would be made using federal funds. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Harris made the motion seconded by Ms. Blacknall, motion passed 7-0 to approve the purchase of 77 chrome books and licenses in the amount of \$24,459.82 from CDW-G for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Goza Middle School.

**CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF GOZA BUSINESS LAB COMPUTERS**

Administration requests the approval to replace the computers in the Goza Middle School Business lab in the amount of \$22,475 for 25 stations from Trinity 3 Technology. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Harris made the motion seconded by Ms. Blacknall, motion passed 7-0 to approve the purchase.

**CONSIDER BUILDING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN APSD AND INDUSTRIAL PARK CHILD CARE, INC.**

A lease agreement was drafted by school attorney, Ed McCorkle, and presented to the Board. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to inventory the contents of the childcare center and solicit bids for liability insurance in the coverage amount of \$750,000. Mr. Bell made the motion, seconded by Dr. Root to accept the lease agreement. Motion passed 7-0.

**CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Bell, and passed 7-0 to request the Arkansas Legislative Audit to perform the district’s audit in the future.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. Turner gave a list of upcoming events for the spring. Those events are as follows:

- 5/13 Badger Scholar Banquet Garrison Center Activity and Conference Center HSU 6:00 p.m.
- 5/15 Senior Awards Assembly AHS Gym 9:00 a.m.
- 5/15 Promise Day Signing AHS Gym 1:00 p.m.
- 5/18 Graduation Wells Gym HSU 10:00 a.m.

5/23 Employee Awards Dinner

Garrison Center Ballroom HSU 6:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board retired into executive session at 6:56 p.m. to consider personnel. In open session, at 8:06 p.m., following executive session, the following actions were taken:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel action:

**Resignation**

Brittany Engel

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/Goza

End of School Year

**Employment**

Donald Williams

Athletic Director

Start Date July 1, 2019 240 day contract

Dr. Turner stated that the Quiz Bowl Team will be competing on AETN Saturday April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Please tune in and cheer on our Quiz Bowl Team.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**