

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES: JUNE 18, 2019**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, June 18, 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, Mr. Blake Bell and Dr. Jeff Root. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present.

**Member Absent:** Ms. Gina White

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved as presented: Special Called May 24, 2019, Special Called May 30, 2019, and Agenda planning June 4, 2019.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

#### **Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to nominate all officers to their current position **Dr. Kevin Motl as President, Dr. Kenneth Harris as Vice President, and Ms. Karrie Goodman as Secretary.**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 6-0 to elect **Tammy Barger as District Treasurer and Dr. Karla Neathery as Ex-Officio Financial Secretary.**

#### **Re-adoption of Board Policy**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to re-approve the District's current Board Policies for 2019-2020.

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

Dr. Turner presented Dr. Anderson with a retirement plaque/clock and a lifetime athletic pass per Board policy.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tammy Barger, Business Manager presented the District's financial statements for May.

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Dr. Turner reported that Nabholz has finished up with the last of the construction and are leaving the site. The ambulance driveway has been poured. A moving company has been identified and will start the process of moving from old Goza to new Goza on Monday June 24. Dr. Turner estimates \$140,000 coming back into the Building Fund after everything is paid.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MILK AND BREAD BIDS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Blacknall, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to approve the bids of Bimbo Breads for bread and Hiland Dairy for milk bids for 2019-2020.

### **CONSIDERATION OF CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Blacknall, seconded by Mr. Bell, and carried 6-0 to approve the adoption of Chemistry by Pearson for AHS.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING WILSON PHONICS FOR THIRD GRADE**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to purchase Wilson Phonics for third grade in the amount of \$21,994.11.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING SOFTWARE FOR THE DISTRICT**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Bell, and carried 6-0 to purchase software from Edmentum in the amount of \$33,912.20. This purchase will be made with Title V funds.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING AN INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR NEW GOZA**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Blacknall, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to purchase an intercom system for New Goza from DCS Telecom in the amount of \$23,526.75.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING FURNITURE FOR NEW GOZA**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 6-0 to purchase the following for new Goza:

CAFETERIA	28 ROUND TABLES WITH 8 STOOLS EACH; ONE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE ROUND TABLE WITH 6 STOOLS	VIRCO	\$	37,965.00
	11 STUDENT TABLES (SEATS 4)	VIRCO	\$	1,288.65
CLASSROOMS	304 STUDENT DESKS	SCHOOL OUTFITTERS	\$	21,976.16
	380 STUDENT CHAIRS	SCHOOL OUTFITTERS	\$	17,654.80
	13 TEACHER DESKS	OFFICE DEPOT	\$	9,486.23
GYM	19 PORTABLE BENCHES FOR SEATING AROUND GYM PERIMETER	TREETOP PRODUCTS	\$	4,213.75
CHOIR ROOM	5 PLATFORM RISERS	WENGER CORP.	\$	4,638.00
SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM	12' MOBILE CAFETERIA TABLE, WOOD TOP WORK TABLE w/UNDERSHELF; CASTERS FOR WORK TABLE	WEBSTAIRANT	\$	1,496.51
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOM	12 FLIP TOP DESKS (2 STUDENTS EA) AND 24 STUDENTS CHAIRS ON CASTERS)	VIRCO	\$	8,459.28

FACILITATOR ROOM	10' CONFERENCE TABLE WITH 12 CHAIRS ON CASTERS	OFFICE DEPOT	\$	1,854.43
SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY	20 SMART BOARDS	ETAC CORP.	\$	41,580.00
	16 VIZIO 70" CLASS-D SERIES 4K TELEVISIONS w/TV MOUNTS	WALMART	\$	12,447.36
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER	SHELVING, STUDENT TABLES, STUDENT CHAIRS, CAFÉ TABLES, BAR HEIGHT CHAIRS	VIRCO	\$	34,640.36

The district is seeking sponsorships for the large areas and could recoup some expenses.

**APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR 2019/2020**

The principals reviewed the handbooks and highlighted the changes made by legislatures to the laws. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 6-0 to approve the handbook revisions for 2019/2020.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION DATES**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Bell, and carried 6-0 to hold the annual school election in March 2020.

**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES 2019/2020**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root , seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 6-0 to approve the personnel policies for 2019/2020.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PILOT AGREEMENT FOR SCAEC SOLAR PROJECT**

Dr. Motl made the motion, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to compose a letter of nonsupport of the project in its current form to be delivered to the County Judge and the Quorum Court.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board retired into executive session at 8:39 p.m. to consider personnel. After returning to open session and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 6-0 to approve the following personnel action:

**Resignation**

Timothy Noel	Custodian/Perritt	June 14, 2019
Calicia Thomas	First Grade Teacher/Perritt	June 10, 2019

**Employment/Certified**

Trent Wilson	Teacher/Coach/Goza	206 Days start date July 22, 2019
Lauren Dotson	Secondary English Teacher/AHS	191 Days Start date August 5, 2019

**Revised/Reduced Contract Days**

Charlotte DeWitt	Guidance Teacher/Central from 211 days to 206 days
Paula Keeling	Guidance Teacher/Peake from 211 days to 206 days
Sherry Benker	Bus Driver /Route B                      Bus Driver/Route C/Bus #13
Katherine McClure	Bus Driver/Route C                      Bus Driver /Route A/Bus #16

Dr. Harris made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bell, carried 6-0 to enter into a three (3) year contract with Dr. Karla Neathery to be Superintendent of Schools for the Arkadelphia Public School District #1 with a compensation of \$150,000 a year and to authorize Dr. Casey Motl as President and Ms. Karrie Goodman as Secretary to execute the written contract.

Mr. Bell thanked the employees in the meeting for their hard work and patience during this transition period. The other Board members concurred.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**