

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting	Board Room Place	6:30 pm Time	September 12, 2019 Date
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### MEMBERS

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#### PRESENT

Robert Curtis: President  
Michael Springer: Vice-President  
Danny Loyd: Secretary  
Brandy Moore: Member  
Alfonso Vasquez: Member

#### ABSENT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Mr. Curtis at 6:30 pm. All Present.
2. Dr. Shumate announced that the *District Administration* magazine recognized us in their July/August 2019 edition as a district of distinction for our Conservation Academy. She presented Mr. Lance Holt, Conservation Academy instructor, with the award. The full article is located at this web address. <https://districtadministration.com/awards-program-entry/conservation-academy/?highlight=Conservation%20Academy%20Magazine>

At Dr. Shumate's request, Ms. Danna Duke brought a group of fifth grade students to present a lesson on sound waves. They read and then demonstrated using pvc pipe for musical instruments. The Board was appreciative of the students' enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge.

3. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2019 meeting by Mr. Loyd. Second by Ms. Moore. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Ms. Forst presented the Annual Financial Report for FY 18-19 showing a net legal balance of \$443,000, which required a transfer from the building fund to cover operating fund expenditures in the amount of \$55,359.01. Ms. Forst informed the Board that school districts were informed this week by the state that there will be a reduction in the amount of Property Tax Relief funds distributed this fiscal year.

Dr. Shumate gave the Board a breakdown of district expenditures made with local vendors. She informed them that she will be attending the public recount of votes from the September 10<sup>th</sup> election on Friday and inquired as to their wishes for another special election assuming the recount confirms the 95 For 96 Against vote. Per Beardsley Public Finance, if the Board wants to conduct another special election in January on millage and bond issue, the process would need to be started in October. The Board does not wish to request another special election at this time.

FY 19-20 budget will be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Dr. Shumate requested Board input regarding activity trips. During the discussion the Board learned that the DESE (Division of Elementary and Secondary Education) establishes an average transportation cost per mile that Districts use to calculate the cost of athletic and activity fund trips. FY 18-19 was \$3.97/mile including the cost of the driver or \$2.24/mile if the driver is not compensated. Activity mileage for the year was 9,214.

The Board directed Dr. Shumate to allow trips if the activity group has raised funds to cover total costs. This includes class trips and national conventions. Exceptions to this rule will be trips that are required by law or other directives from the DESE. Dr. Shumate will provide a list of trips that are required at next month's board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Loyd to approve the financial reports and second by Mr. Springer. The motion passed unanimously.

5. At the parent's request, the Board closed the meeting for a student expulsion hearing at 7:18 pm. Dr. Shumate, the parent, Mr. William Roark, and the student, Michael Roark, remained in the room for the hearing. During the hearing the Board dismissed all three and called in Mr. Randy Bryan. After dismissing Mr. Bryan, Mr. Tony Quain was called in to the hearing. When Mr. Quain was dismissed, Dr. Shumate rejoined the hearing. At 8:24 pm, the meeting returned to open session.

Mr. Loyd made the motion to expel Michael Roark. Conditions of the expulsion are as follows:

- Expulsion for the remainder of this semester with the school providing homebound instruction.
- Upon his return to school next semester in January of 2020, he will be placed in ALE until his anticipated graduation in May of 2020. Ms. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 for 1 opposed. The Nay vote was cast by Mr. Springer.

6. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202, Dr. Shumate presented the Statement of Assurance. It is a written assurance that our school district is in compliance with Arkansas law. Motion to approve the Statement of Assurance (attached) by Mr. Vasquez. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Dr. Shumate presented the Arkansas Department of Education Statement of Assurances for Programs Under The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by The Every Student Succeeds Act. Motion by Ms. Moore to approve the set of assurances stated above and further authorize the Superintendent to sign such assurances as required by Section 9306 and to submit a budget to the Arkansas Department of Education as required. Second by Mr. Vasquez. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Mr. Loyd made a motion to renew participation in the Arkansas Public School Unemployment Compensation Account. Mr. Springer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Loyd made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Arkansas Tech University Career Center and Magazine High School. Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
10. Dr. Shumate informed the Board the the ASBA model policies for Licensed and Classified Peronnel have been updated to include our calendar and salary schedules as previously approved at previous meetings. Mr. Loyd made a motion to approve the Licensed Personnel and Classified Personnel Policies for FY 2019-2020. Second by Mr. Springer. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Dr. Shumate presented petitions for transfer of students released by the Booneville School District for the following students:
  - a. Isaac Klein, Rian Miles, Michael Crutcher, and Christian Sands, as petitioned by Tammy Miles.
  - b. Blake C. Evans, Brock C. Boyt and Braelynn C. Boyt, as petitioned by Karen Johnson.Motion to accept the above petition for transfer of students by Ms. Moore. Second by Mr. Vasquez. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Shumate presented a petition for transfer of students pending the release by the Western Yell County District for the following students: Naomi J. Lagergren, Miryam R. Lagergren and Laylah A. Lagergren as petitioned by Seth Lagergren. Mr. Loyd moved to accept the above petition for transfer of students pending release by the Western Yell County District. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12. At the Board's request, Mr. Ray Forst had been seeking bids on janitorial supplies. Mr. Forst informed the Board that his staff had made some changes to try and reduce costs, such as, eliminating extra trash cans, eliminating air fresheners and using washable microfiber dust cloths and mop heads. Mr. Forst recommended using System Chemical Inc. to provide paper towels, and trash bags. He recommended using Magazine True Value Hardware to provide toilet tissue. These products will be purchased in bulk instead of as needed to further reduce cost. Motion by Mr. Vasquez to approve janitorial supply vendors as recommended by Mr. Forst. Second by Mr. Loyd. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Dr. Shumate informed the Board that our high school business lab was approved for 15 new computers through the Carl Perkins grant administered by the Guy Fenter Education Co-op. The District will be reimbursed for the cost of 15 computers up to a maximum cost of \$1,300 per computer. Mr. Loyd moved to accept the quote from CDW-G for these computers. Ms. Moore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
14. On August 19, 2019, Dr. Shumate had a representative from the DESE conduct an onsite walk through of our facilities for a school safety report. She presented the Board with recommendations from that report.
15. Board entered executive session at 9:05pm to discuss a personnel additional duty salary increase and requested Dr. Shumate remain. Board returned to open session at 9:24pm. No action.
16. Dr. Shumate asked the Board to set a date for a special board meeting to approve the budget and a date for the annual report to the public. Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Board Room was set for the budget meeting and the annual report to the public will be conducted on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> on the regularly scheduled meeting night with the time and place to be determined.
17. Dr. Shumate informed the Board of upcoming opportunities for Board training as required by law.
18. Motion by Mr. Springer to adjourn. Second by Ms. Moore. Motion passed 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Shumate', written in a cursive style.