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BOARD MINUTES
June 15, 2022

Opening Remarks & Welcome

The Dawson Education Board of Directors met for the June board meeting during the Superintendent's Retreat at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center in Fairfield Bay, AR. Vice-President Dr. Stephanie Nehus welcomed everyone and established a quorum. She acknowledged President Danny Thomas in his absence. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ronnie Kissire, second by Michael Murphy to approve the May Financial Report, Financial Addendum, Board Minutes, 21/22 Annual Report, 22/23 Personnel Policy, and the 21/22 Fixed Assets Additions and Deletions. 8:32

Passing of the Gavel

In the absence of Board President, Danny Thomas, Mr. Beckwith passed the gavel to Vice-President Dr. Stephanie Nehus who will serve a two-year term as Board President until June 30, 2024.

Election of Vice-President & Executive Committee

A motion was made by Shawn Cook, second by Susan Kissire to elect Heath Bennett, Harmony Grove Superintendent as the Vice-President of the board and to elect Matt Donaghy as the representative for Saline County on the Executive Committee. Bennett will serve a 2-year term as Vice-President, June 30, 2024 and Donaghy will serve a three-year term, June 30, 2025. 8:33

2022-2023 Board Officers & Executive Committee

Name	Position	School District/County	Year Expires
Stephanie Nehus	President	Hot Springs SD	2024
Heath Bennett	Vice-President	Harmony Grove SD	2024
Danny Thomas	Past President	Magnet Cove SD	2024

Ronnie Kissire	Executive Board	Grant Co.	2023
Matt Donaghy	Executive Board	Saline Co.	2023
Pike Palmer	Executive Board	Pike Co.	2024
Tim Holicer	Executive Board	Hot Spring Co.	2024
Nikki Thomas	Executive Board	Clark Co.	2025
Shawn Higginbotham	Executive Board	Garland Co.	2025

Kirk Roofing and Construction Quote

A motion was made by Nancy Anderson, second by B.J. Applegate to approve the quote for the construction of building 6 by Kirk Roofing. 8:37

Coordinators' Comments

- Candiss Bennett – TCC Updates
 1. Possible cohort for Principals with a focus on building relationships with students/staff and growing in instructional leadership
 2. Dawson Live School Support
 3. New TESS/LEADS Platform
 4. Inclusive Practices, Robin Stripling, DESE

New Hire, Resignations:

New Hires:

Kaylin Orrell – Early Childhood Special Education Speech Therapist – Step 1

Kelly Stone – Literacy Specialist – Range 3, Step 25

Kyauna Crawford – HIPYP Home Visitor – Step 4, No CDA

Resignations:

Tori Campbell – Arkadelphia Paraprofessional

Ronda Nunez – CMS Pre-K Teacher

Beth Talley – RISE Regional Specialist

Ashley Lee – ADE Administrative Assistant

Amanda Britt – ADE/ADH Liaison

Haley Jo Wesson – ECH Special Education Speech Pathologist

Bethany Splawn – ECH Special Education Speech Pathologist

Mary Beth Hatch – STEM Integration Specialist

Tiffany Barnes – Lake Hamilton ABC Teacher

A motion was made by Ronnie Kissire, second by Nancy Anderson to approve the new hires and resignations and the motion was carried. 8:44

Superintendents' Forum

The discussion included:

- Teacher Raise
- School Law Enforcement
- Free/Reduced School Lunches

Director's Comments

Mr. Beckwith expressed how thankful he is to see the Co-op numbers for workshops going back up this Summer. 8:51

Adjourn

- With no further business, motion to adjourn by Nancy Anderson, second by B.J. Applegate. 8:52
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Board President Signature

Dr. Stephanie Nelson
