

## MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

#### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Edd Puckett, Clint Montgomery, Todd Aynes, and Kyle Cannon

Members absent: Brian Kesterson, Judith Roberson, and Robert Hines

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Todd Aynes seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Paulette Crawford, FLASH Cats coordinator, presented a FLASH Cats year in review video presentation which included clubs for gardening, Lego robotics, cosmetology, skillastics, and art. FLASH Cats also participated in field trips to Holly Springs Homestead, Old Washington, and Chameleon Arts. FLASH Cats will be offered for two weeks in the summer consisting of three half days Monday thru Wednesday and a full day on Thursday for field trips. Free breakfast and lunch will be offered Monday thru Thursday for anyone in the community during the same two weeks.

Paulette Sherrer, Federal Programs Coordinator, informed the board the Mena Middle School Band, under the direction of Josh Bradford, received 2017 Sweepstakes Band awards and the Mena High School Band, under the direction of Charles Morgan, received straight 1's during competition as well as 2017 Sweepstakes Band awards.

Paulette Sherrer continued with the Advanced Ed Review of Mena High School. The review was conducted over a three day period by a team of five Arkansas educators. One component of the review is an Elliott rating scale. Mena High School scored higher than most schools reviewed. Mena High School received full accreditation.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Cafeteria Review Evaluation administrative review summary to the board. Ms. Smith stated one finding of the Wellness Policy posting. The finding was corrected immediately,

Mr. Weston stated pursuant to Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-036 and the Paid Lunch Equity Tool for 2017-2018, there is a need to increase paid student meal prices for 2017-2018 by ten cents. Mr. Weston recommended paid student lunch to \$2.65 and breakfast \$1.60 for 2017-2018. Clint Montgomery made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation of paid student meal prices for 2017-2018. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Weston stated when meal reimbursement rates are released after July 1<sup>st</sup>, adult meal prices may also need to be increased.

After discussion, Kyle Cannon made one motion for Board member representation on all committees for 2017-2018 to remain the same as the 2016-2017 representatives:

Clint Montgomery to serve on the Health and Wellness Committee.

Robert Hines to serve on the Staff Development Committee.

Judith Roberson to serve on the Personnel Policies Committee.

Kyle Cannon to serve on the Sick Leave Bank Committee.

Edd Puckett to serve on the ADHOC - BFI Committee.

Mr. Weston asked to create a new Facilities Committee consisting of three board members. After discussion, Kyle Cannon, Brian Kesterson, and Clint Montgomery will represent the board.

Todd Aynes seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Next week, Mr. Weston will meet with district maintenance staff, architect, construction manager, and other personnel to review Louise Durham Elementary construction plans. After May 2nd, a special facilities work session will be set up with the board to move forward on the project.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented Sections 3 and 8, as set out by the Arkansas School Boards Association, for the Licensed Personnel and Classified Personnel School Board Policies for 2017 – 2018. Clint Montgomery made a motion to approve Sections 3 and 8 of the Licensed Personnel and Classified Personnel School Board Policies for 2017 – 2018. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Jeanne Smith, presented the 2016 ACT Aspire School Performance Report. Ms. Smith explained each campuses grade level percentages.

Todd Aynes made a motion to pay the bills. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following retirement:

Norma Foster, LPN, Holly Harshman Elementary

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept the retirement recommendation made by Mr. Weston. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following resignations:

McKenna Jewell - secondary - Mena Middle School Literacy

Tara Sexton - elementary Special Education - Holly Harshman Elementary

Shane Sexton - secondary Special Education - Mena High School

Clint Montgomery made a motion to accept the resignation recommendations made by Mr. Weston. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Weston recommended to renew Certified personnel for 2017-2018 (see attachment).


Clint Montgomery made a motion to accept the Certified personnel renewal recommendations made by Mr. Weston. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Weston recommended to renew Classified personnel for 2017-2018 (see attachment).

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept the Classified personnel renewal recommendations made by Mr. Weston. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

With no further business, Clint Montgomery moved for adjournment, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Puckett', written over a horizontal line.

Edd Puckett, Vice-President