

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 21, 2020**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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. Goodman, Secretary; Ms. Paulette Blacknall, Ms. Gina White, Mr. Blake Bell, and Dr. Jeff Root.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Karla Neathery stated two groups would be speaking, PPC and Peake Alumni. PPC presented options to the Board for a sick leave policy. Peake Alumni voiced concerns about their records, memorabilia, and meeting space if Peake Rosenwald is used for all of the Pre-K programs

BADGER PRIDE

Dr. Neathery asked Dr. Turner to announce the Badger Pride Awards for January. They were as follows:

- a) Cone Grant Winners – Charlotte DeWitt (also received an Arkadelphia Community Foundation Grant) and Vanessa Rodgers
- b) Ross Grant Winners – Charlotte DeWitt, Laurel Cannon, and Amy Taylor
- c) Volunteer Recognition – Kate Manning
- d) National Geographic GeoBee Winners – Timothy Levar, Gwendolyn Person, and Carson Carozza
- e) Peake Spelling Bee Winners – Jayla Lee, Sheena Molinari, Ben Taylor, James Bautista, Spencer Seel, and Henry Harrell
- f) Clark County Spelling Bee Participants – Ellie Echols, Macey Cervantes, Kaden Willett, Bryce Martin, Jared Campbell, Miles Parker, Summersky Molinari, Yharely Ramirez, and Samara Hammack
- g) Arkansas Game and Fish Education Grant Winner – Shelly Whittle
- h) Special Recognition – Board Members for Board appreciation month

ITEM 7 a) MOVED

Dr. Motl made the motion, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to move Item 7 a) to above the consent agenda.

2020 Master Plan Public Hearing and Comment – Dr. Charles Stein

Dr. Stein presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. He explained the Partnership Program with the State for building schools, gave an overview of facility condition, condition analysis for Arkadelphia Schools, and gave his recommendation to close and replace 3-5 school. The steps towards that are as follow: Close Central Primary and Peake ES > Move Perritt ES Pre-K to Peake Rosenwald Pre-K > Move 2nd grade to Perritt ES > Move 3rd – 5th grade to Old Goza MS (temporary) > Apply for Partnership Program funds for new 3-5-school > 60,000 SF for 520 students > Estimated cost - \$14.65 million > Estimated state funding - \$5.7 million.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes, Financial Statements and Annual Board Evaluation all approved by consent. Financial Statements for December presented by Tammy Barger. Dr. Neathery reported training hours on each Board Member and thanked them for their service.

