

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
June 15, 2015

The directors of the board met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, School Administration Building, 200 West Oak Street, with Renee Skinner presiding. Other directors present were Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Chris Lutman, and Susan Turbeville. Directors Keith Smith and Todd Whatley were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Jim Tucker, Shirley Billingly, Bonnie Haynie, Phillip Lansdell, Shelley Pruitt, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Skinner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held May 11 and May 28. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Chris Lutman, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes were approved at 6:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Chris Lutman, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment at 6:02 p.m. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Shelley Pruitt brought before the board the proposed budget of expenditures for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Salary fund expenditures for 2015-16 are projected to be \$16,500,000 with operating fund expenditures in instructional expense of \$5,780,000. Those figures increased for the proposed 2016-2017 budget - \$16,610,000 and \$5,800,000 respectively. The proposals reflect the current total mills school tax of 33.5 mills. Mrs. Pruitt noted this is a rough estimate but one that is required by state law and to be published in the local newspaper. 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Pruitt presented the bid received for the district's buildings, contents, and fleet insurance coverage. She stated the effective dates are July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. She explained that she received one bid and noted that the private insurance sector finds it hard to compete when you are self-insured.

		<u>Prior Year</u>
	<u>Quote</u>	<u>Premium</u>
<u>Building/Contents</u> Ark. School Board Assoc.	\$110,919.45	\$111,019.26

She brought to the boards attention the bid received for the district's fleet and mobile insurance coverage:

		<u>Prior Year</u>
	<u>Quote</u>	<u>Premium</u>
<u>Fleet</u> Arkansas School Board Assoc.	\$ 34,657.13	\$ 35,282.90

Mrs. Pruitt added that the combined premiums had a \$725.58 decrease from the prior year's premiums. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Chris Lutman, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 6:07 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the insurance bids for building, contents, and fleet from Arkansas School Boards Association for \$110,919.45 and fleet coverage insurance bid of \$34,657.13.

The board approved Petitions for Transfer Requests for four students to transfer to Parkers Chapel School District however, the families will remain living in the El Dorado district. 6:08 p.m.

Phillip Lansdell presented the athletic budget for the 2015-2016 school year. He explained that gate receipts for the past school term were: football \$66,853.95; volleyball \$630.35; basketball \$17,749.35; baseball \$2,195.35; softball \$1,519.32; track \$1,375.32; and soccer \$2,230.32 for a total of \$92,553.96. Mr. Lansdell said that the fees for officials and their mileage is one of the athletic department's largest expenses. He stated the entire athletic budget remained at \$138,149 for the upcoming school year. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Chris Lutman, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 6:18 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the athletic budget of \$138,149.00 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Tucker said that roof replacement bids were received for Barton Jr. High School's main building.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
El Dorado Roofing Company, El Dorado, AR	\$180,868.00
Industrial Roofing and Construction, Sterlington, LA	267,522.00
Terry's Roofing, Bossier City, LA	194,000.00

Mr. Tucker said the roof replacement should start immediately and completion date is projected as August 1. On a motion by Chris Lutman, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on 5-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$180,868.00 from El Dorado Roofing for roof replacement at Barton Jr. High School's main building.

Mr. Tucker reminded the board of the discussion from the May board meeting regarding the Bring Your Own Technology policy. He said that students at El Dorado High School will be allowed to use their own personal electronic computing devices during school hours and as approved by their teachers. Personal electronic devices that students will be allowed to bring and use during classes, with approval by their teachers, will be laptops/netbooks, Chromebooks, smartphones, iPads/iPods, eReaders, and electronic tablets.

Mr. Tucker said that Alva Reibe has agreed to pilot the program at El Dorado High School. Students will only be able to access the wireless network provided by the school while on campus. The district's network has filters to prevent students from visiting websites not approved by the district, Mr. Tucker noted. Personal internet connectivity devices such as cell phones with "WiFi" connections or hotspots are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time. Mr. Tucker reminded the board that the committee visited with other districts and really did a good job of coming up with a good policy. When asked about students that do not have devices, Mr. Tucker said students will not be required to have their own devices and the district will continue to provide district-owned devices that can be used by students during the school day. Participation in the program is optional. After some discussion and on a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 6:25 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the Bring Your Own Technology program to be piloted at El Dorado High School beginning 2015-2016 school term.

Mr. Tucker visited with the board regarding a proposal to the District Student Handbook. He recommended that during the Second Chance Program offered to first-time drug offenders, the amount of suspension time be changed from nine to five days. He also requested that the Second Chance Program be moved from the high school and Barton Jr. High to Murmil Educational Center. After some discussion, Wayne Gibson moved to suspend the rules and vote on the proposal, Vicky Dobson made a second, on a 5-0 vote to suspend the rules and move on to the proposal. Mr. Gibson then moved to approve the superintendent's recommendation to the District Student Handbook regarding the Second Chance Program and the move of the program to Murmil Educational Center. On a second by Chris Lutman, and a 5-0 vote at 6:30 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves, as proposed, District Student Handbook with changes to the Second Chance Program, and the move of the program to Murmil Educational Center.

Mr. Tucker also presented changes and/or additions to the Board and District Policies Handbook. He reminded the board that the district subscribes to the Arkansas School Boards Policy Service, which coordinates recent legislation with current school policies. He and Geni Smith worked with approximately eighty policy changes or additions

required by the state due to new law. He said they are bringing those recommendations to the board however, he asked the board to study those changes and vote in the July board meeting. 6:35 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Chris Lutman, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 8:10 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the superintendent's recommendations concerning the acceptance of resignations and the employment of new personnel

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary