

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES: MAY 16, 2017**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members Present: Mr. Randy Turner, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr. Vice President; Dr. Jeff Root, Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Dr. Casey Motl, Ms. Gina White, and Ms. Mona Vance. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with 7 members present.

**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT/REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

The Instructional Report and Report of Excellence were combined to provide recognition of students and groups who have excelled in various academic activities this school year. Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Instruction and Curriculum; and Ms. Nancy Mortensen, Gifted/Talented Coordinator, presented award certificates to a large number of primary, elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Following the presentation, Superintendent Donnie Whitten thanked the students and families. The meeting was recessed by the President at 6:11 p.m in order for the Board and any audience members to move to the Boardroom for the remainder of the meeting.

**6:16 BOARDROOM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board approved minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2017; and special meeting of May 4, 2017 with correction to May 4.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, reported on progress of the building program. He informed the Board that Ms. Leslie Dyess, Facilities Consultant with Dawson Co-op, is now working with the District's Facilities program.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR CHROMEBOOKS AND CARTS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of White River Services and Solutions (TIPS/TAPS vendor) for purchase of thirty (30) HP chromebooks and one (1) CART FOR Goza Middle School; and thirty(30) HP chromebooks and one cart for Central Primary School - from Title I funds.

During discussion of the motion, Ms. Goodman stated a request to have a summary regarding the history of the previous purchases for specific campus purchases of chromebooks each time a purchase is recommended. Following discussion, the motion to approve the bid carried 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF JULY MEETING DATES**

The Superintendent explained that during the past few years it has been the Board's practice to forego regular meeting dates in July unless it becomes necessary to call a special meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to forego the July meeting dates, reserving the right to call any emergency meeting as needed.

## **APPROVAL OF SCIENCE TEXTBOOK AND BUSINESS LAW ADOPTION**

Superintendent Whitten presented recommendations from the Science textbook adoption committee. All textbook adoption committees are composed of teachers, parents, principals, students, and Central Office staff.

The Committee for K-12 Science Textbook Adoption was composed of the following members: Jeanette Turner, Callie Hunley, Amanda McMillion, Candace Williams, Debbie Robertson, Lori Copeland, Isaac Perry, Melinda Morris, Amanda Harris, Kathy Crow, Debbie Rook, Kadre Wingfield, Audrey Eldridge, Vanessa Rodgers, Jean Smithey, Tina Calhoon, Laquita Jones, Jessica Wright, Skye Lowe, and Kyla Williams.

The Committee for Business Law I & II Textbook Adoption was composed of the following members: Virginia Anderson, David Gustaveson, Ashley Wesley, Alan LeVar, Saba Chaudry, Tajhan McKenzie, McKaylin Sheets, Fateemah Faiq, and Logan Becker.

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum, presented the recommendations of both committees to the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the committees and administration, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to approve the bids of: Building Blocks of Science Program by Carolina Biological Supply (Perritt); Integrate iScience Program by McGraw-Hill (Goza); Zumdahl Chemistry 10<sup>th</sup> edition, AP edition by National Geographic Learning/Cengage for AP Chemistry (AHS); and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill for Business Law I and Business Law II for textbook adoptions.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. Whitten reported on the successful annual Badger Scholar Banquet held the previous evening on the campus of HSU. He reported that the event honored the largest number (128) of students to be inducted into the program.

Additional reminders were announced for the events of the Arkadelphia Promise Signing ceremony on May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium; and the 2017 AHS Graduation ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20 at HSU Wells Center.

## **PERSONNEL**

The Board retired to executive session at 6:45 p.m. to consider recommendations for resignations, intents to retire, transfer, and medical leave of absence.

In open session following executive session, a motion was made by the following actions were approved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

### **Resignations**

**Elizabeth Brown** (Business Ed Teacher - AHS) Effective May 31, 2017

**Lisa Stanley** (FACS Teacher - AHS) Effective May 31, 2017

### **Intent to Retire/Resign**

**Randy Hicks** (Dean of Students – AHS) Effective June 30, 2017

**Jane Watson** (Art Teacher – Perritt, Central) Effective May 31, 2017

**Melinda Morris** (Principal – Central) Effective June 30, 2017

**Transfer**

**Linda Syler-** (Primary Teacher from Perritt to Primary Teacher- Central)

**Medical Leave of Absence**

**Jennifer Hurst,** (PE Teacher - Perritt) April 5 – May 31, 2017

**Lorrie Adams,** (Admin. Asst- Admin Building) May 4 – June 15, 2017

**Connie Hendrix** (Primary Teacher – Perritt) May 15 – May 31, 2017

**Employment**

**Sharon Ford,** Special Ed Para – Peake; 191-day contract – at scale: 8/4/17

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**