

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Robert Hines, Brian Kesterson, Clint Montgomery, Todd Aynes, Judith Roberson, and Kyle Cannon.

Members absent: None

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Before the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston asked President Hines to allow Andy Philpot, Mena High School Yearbook Advisor, to present the 2017 yearbook to board members.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston informed the board 283 education bills were filed and of those, 142 bills became law.

Mr. Weston stated Ray Beardsley needed to reschedule to the June 20th board meeting.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented Disclosure Statements for board member Edd Puckett and Superintendent, Benny Weston.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to adopt a resolution to enter into a contract with Hewlett Packard. Full disclosure of all relationships and interest as required by A.C.A. subsection 6-24-101 et seq. that are relevant to proposed contract: Board Member Edd Puckett's brother works for Hewlett Packard. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0. Edd Puckett recused himself for voting.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to adopt a resolution to enter into a contract with SubTeach USA. Full disclosure of all relationships and interest as required by A.C.A. subsection 6-24-101 et seq. that are relevant to proposed contract: Superintendent Benny Weston's wife works for SubTeach USA. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented the annual Accreditation Report. Ms. Smith stated all four schools are fully accredited. Clint Montgomery made a motion to accept the annual Accreditation Report. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston congratulated our softball and boys soccer teams and coaches for their play in District, Regional and State Tournaments - Our Softball team played in the first round of the State Tournament and our boys Soccer team played through the second round of the State Tournament.

Danny Minton, Maintenance Supervisor, stated the Louise Durham Elementary renovations are moving along as expected with plans for the inside and new addition to begin as soon as possible. Mr. Minton explained the playground will be relocated beside the gym to make room for construction.

Paulette Sherrer, Federal Programs Coordinator, proposed the Professional Development Plan for 2017-2020. Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the 2017-2020 Professional Development Plan. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Referencing Act 246 of 2017, Mr. Weston presented the 2017-2018 salary schedules for Certified, Classified, and Transportation reflecting a 2.1% increase for staff effective July 1, 2017. Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the Certified, Classified, and Transportation 2017-2018 salary schedules as presented. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston informed the board 7 students filed Freedom of Choice forms with our District. Clint Montgomery made a motion to accept Freedom of Choice Students. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Judith Roberson made a motion to pay the bills. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following resignations:

Donald Nesbitt - Secondary - Mena High School Spanish
Trent Wilson - Secondary - Mena High School Classroom, Head Junior Football and Head Baseball
Sarah Bentley - Elementary - Louise Durham Elementary
Nicole Bledsoe - Secondary - Mena High School Literacy
Kevin Bledsoe - Elementary PE, Football and Head Girls Soccer

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for resignations. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the reassignment of Hannah Powell to Mena Middle School - 7th grade Literacy vacated by McKenna Jewell.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for reassignment. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston made the following hire recommendations:

Charmaine Martin - Elementary - Louise Durham Elementary
Rachel Bowling - Elementary - Holly Harshman Elementary

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for hires. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston asked President Hines to add the renewal food service agreement management company for 2017-2018 to the agenda. Mr. Weston recommended continuing with Aramark as the district's food service management company for 2017-2018. Clint Montgomery made a motion to continue with Aramark as the district's food service management company for 2017-2018. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston asked President Hines to add Paulette Sherrer to the agenda. Mrs. Sherrer stated a Headcount Statistics Report will be given to the board in future meetings. After a request from Vice-President Edd Puckett, Mrs. Sherrer also presented performance reports from surrounding districts.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved for adjournment, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Hines, President



Brian Kesterson, Secretary