

## MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

#### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

Members absent: Brian Kesterson and Edd Puckett

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Weston advised Robert Hines and Todd Aynes are up for re-election to the board and explained the timeline. Mr. Weston and Mr. Ray Beardsley explained several changes to Arkansas election laws. Acts 1088 and 910 affect Arkansas School Elections. The traditional September annual school election is no more.

Mr. Ray Beardsley, Vice-President of First Security Beardsley Public Finance, presented Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to adopt the proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to and including June 30, 2019 and to approve all related election documents. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Beardsley informed the board the three (3) year Financial Advisory Agreement is up for renewal. Mr. Weston recommended the board continue with First Security Beardsley as the district's financial advisor for the next three (3) years. Clint Montgomery made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation to continue with First Security Beardsley as the district's financial advisor. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Kyle Cannon made a motion in the form of a Resolution to comply with ACT 1105 of the 2017 regular legislative session regarding 20% carryover balance. The Board authorizes the district treasurer to move any amount above the ending balance after categorical and restricted funds are deducted of \$2,650,000 to the building fund. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The Arkansas School Boards Association presented a bid for building / property insurance. President Hines read the proposal of \$5,000 deductible for \$90,749.65. Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept the bid from Arkansas School Boards Association in the amount of \$90,749.65. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston presented and recommended the 2017-2018 supplemental student accident insurance renewal from Alive Risk, LTD of United States Fire Insurance Co., through the Naught-Naught Agency with a yearly premium amount of \$33,868. Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve and renew the supplemental student accident insurance in the amount of \$33,868. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston gave Louise Durham Elementary summer updates including the playground equipment being moved by our staff . Before inside work can begin on Louise Durham, the state Fire Marshall needs to approve the plans. However, earth work and outside electrical can begin if approved. Mr. Weston recommended the board approve the earth work package 2.2 begin and the outside electrical package up front to move service in preparation of inside work both at a cost of \$530,168. Clint Montgomery made a motion to begin the earth work package and outside electrical package. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The Mayor recently contacted Mr. Weston in regard to the road project behind Holly Harshman Elementary to connect to Highway 71 and rising costs. At this time, the State Highway Department has asked the Mayor to allow them time to research further before decisions are made between the city and the district. Mr. Weston reported the road project would not be completed this summer. No action was taken.

Mr. Weston congratulated Sealy Thigpen, volleyball AAA all-star player as well as several players recognized with all state honors.

Advertising Agreement Proposals were discussed. Judith Roberson made a motion to drop the Media Contract with Pulse Multi-Media. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. The Media Proposal from The Bearcat Foundation, Inc. was tabled by Kyle Cannon.

Mr. Weston presented a revised 2017-2018 Classified Salary Schedule to add the Food Service Director back on the schedule and raise the Bookkeeper daily work hours from 7 hours to 8 hours. The Bookkeeper hours would raise Sherry Newman and Suzanne Bentley to 8 hours per day. After discussion, Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the revised 2017-2018 Classified Salary Schedule as presented. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston stated the Child Nutrition Unit of the Arkansas Department of Education has approved our application to continue with Aramark as our Food Service Company for the 2017-2018 school years.

Mr. Weston asked to move the July board meeting to Monday, July 24th.

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve Financial Reports and payment of bills. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following retirement:

Nona Davis - Paraprofessional - Mena High School

Clint Montgomery made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for retirement. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following as resignations:

Dawn Stoekinger - Bus Driver

Laura Bowling - Paraprofessional - Holly Harshman

Tonia Smith - Elementary - Holly Harshman

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for resignations. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following reassignments:

Mysti Gates - ELL Coordinator

Amy Bartow - Food Service Director - Effective July 1, 2017

Scott Wright - Head Baseball Coach

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for reassignments. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the extension of hours for:

Sherry Newman to 8 hours, effective July 1, 2017

Suzanne Bentley to 8 hours, effective July 1, 2017

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation for hours extension. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following hires:

Daniel Jason Hendrix - Mechanic Assistant - Effective July 1, 2017

Nina Schreiner - Paraprofessional - Holly Harshman

Chad Zachary Simpson - Secondary Teacher/Coach

Kennedy McCormick - Elementary Special Ed Teacher - Holly Harshman

Heather Goss - Secondary Special Ed Teacher - Mena Middle School

Cynthia Standridge - Secondary Special Ed Teacher - Mena High School

Alyssa Hostetler - Paraprofessional - Mena High School

Shawna Powell - Paraprofessional - Holly Harshman

Kenneth Henry - Bus Driver

Hope Valdovinos - Licensed Practical Nurse - Holly Harshman

Emily Randall - long term sub through SubTeach - Spanish - Mena High School - upon receiving provisional teaching license, a contract would be issued at that time, not retroactive

Macklin Chermak - long term sub through SubTeach - Secondary/Coach - upon receiving provisional teaching license, a contract would be issued effective at that time, not retroactive.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's hire recommendations. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston added to the agenda asking for authority to offer positions for the district's remaining staff openings. Kyle Cannon made a motion giving Mr. Weston authority to offer positions for remaining district staff openings. Todd Aynes seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston added to the agenda he had received notice our audit will be presented to Legislative Audit on June 30th with no recommendations. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Hines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert Hines, President