

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

High School Library Place

6:30 pm Time

May 14, 2020 Date

### MEMBERS

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

Michael Springer: President  
 Brandy Moore: Vice-President  
 Robert Curtis: Secretary  
 Danny Loyd: Member  
 Alfonso Vasquez: Member

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Mr. Springer at 6:37 pm. All Present.
2. Mr. Loyd made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2020 meeting. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Forst reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board. She informed them that Technology Coordinator, Kenneth Massey, placed an order with CDWG in the amount of \$14,378.16 or 48 Chromebooks per the Board's directive from last month. Motion by Mr. Curtis to approve the finance report for the month of April, 2020. Second by Mr. Vasquez. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Mr. Ray Beardsley presented the Board with bond options. Mr. Curtis made a motion to proceed with the Refunding Bond issue approved by the Board of Directors of Magazine School District at its February 13, 2020 meeting, and to approve a District contribution to the Refunding Bond issue in the approximate amount of \$152,000 for the purpose of paying off the portion of the outstanding bonds allocated to the Elementary Project from the bond issued dated December 1, 1990. Mr. Loyd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Dr. Shumate informed the Board that the District Audit for period ending 06/30/2019 has been published by Arkansas Legislative Audit with zero material findings. Each Board member was mailed a copy of the audit and it is also available on the District website under State Required information.
6. Dr. Shumate recommended the Board approve a bonus in the amount of \$2,270.41 for Nichole Franklin and Carrie Staton. The State is providing a High Priority District Retention Incentive FY19/20 in that amount to all classroom teachers K-12. Pre-K teachers are excluded from the State bonus, but the District budgeted ABC grant funds to cover an equivalent bonus for Ms. Franklin and Ms. Staton. So moved by Ms. Moore. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Dr. Shumate presented the Board with a renewal quote on student insurance by Dwight Jones Agency. The Board requested a claims history for the past few years and a list of schools in Logan County that offer student insurance. No action.
8. Due to the COVID19 pandemic restrictions: Dr. Shumate informed the Board of the Districts proposed plans for the non-traditional graduation. If approved by DESE, a drive through diploma pick-up will take place on May 22, 2020. Tentative date for a traditional ceremony is July 10, 2020.
9. Mr. Curtis made a motion to approve the Special Education Assurance and Agreements for the school year 2020-2021 including the Certification Regarding Lobbying. Second by Mr. Loyd. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Dr. Shumate recommended the renewal of the contract for consultant services with Harvie Nichols, DBA CH Educational Services, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Nichols services include, but are not limited to, preparing our Master Plan document as required by the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. Ms. Moore made a motion to renew the contract with CH Educational Services, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

11. Dr. Shumate recommended renewing the contract with Building Blocks Pediatric Therapy, PA. Mr. Loyd made a motion to renew our contract for occupational, physical and speech therapy services with Building Blocks Pediatric Therapy, PA for the 2020-2021 school year. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Dr. Shumate recommended the renewal of MOU's with UAFS/WATC. One is for students to attend WATC classes the other is a transportation agreement with the District providing round trip transportation service for students attending WATC with UAFS/WATC paying the District \$25,546.56 annually. Mr. Vasquez made a motion to approve the renewal of the two MOU's between the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, sponsor of the Western Arkansas Technical Center and the Magazine School District. Second by Ms. Moore. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Dr. Shumate presented a list of Tornado Safe Room rules to be followed by the community including a requirement that pets stay in airline approved pet carriers. These rules will be posted in the Safe Room. Mr. Loyd moved to approve the Tornado Safe Room rules. Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
14. Currently, District policy requires compensation time and vacation time be used by June 30 of the fiscal year in which it is earned. Dr. Shumate requested a waiver of this policy for this fiscal year due to COVID19 closure. She proposed allowing employees with compensation time and or vacation time be allowed to carry the time forward to fiscal year 2020-2021 and be used by December 31, 2020. So moved by Ms. Moore. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed 5-0.
15. Mr. Springer called the meeting in to executive session at 8:17pm and requested Dr. Shumate remain in session with the Board. The Board returned to open session at 9:50pm. The following actions were taken at the recommendation of Dr. Shumate:
  - Mr. Curtis moved to accept the resignation of Aleshia Maxwell as school nurse effective 06/30/2020. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Vasquez moved to hire Blake Beggs as high school principal for FY20-21. Second by Ms. Moore. Motion passed 5-0.
  - Motion by Mr. Loyd to hire Robyn Mackey as a teacher for FY20-21. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Springer removed himself from the meeting. Mr. Curtis presiding. Motion by Mr. Curtis to hire Traci Schlinker as a teacher for FY20-21. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Springer returned.
16. Dr. Shumate reviewed the SRO contract renewal with the Board. Tabled.
17. Mr. Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Curtis', written in a cursive style.