

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 19, 2020

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. remotely through a Zoom meeting. This meeting was recorded and is available upon request.

Members Present: Dr. Casey Motl, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Ms. Goodman, Secretary; Ms. Paulette Blacknall, Ms. Gina White, Mr. Blake Bell, and Dr. Jeff Root.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Karla Neathery stated there was no one tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements approved by consent. Financial Statements for April presented by Tammy Barger.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of Capturing Kids Hearts Expenditure

Requesting approval for Capturing Kids Hearts training provided by Flippen Group. Training will be held August 10-11-2020. If on-site training for large groups is not an option in August 2020, the training will be rescheduled. One half of the cost (\$55,500) will be paid out of Title I (Fund 6501) using current year funding. The other half of the cost (\$55,500) will be paid using Title I (Fund 6501) 2020-2021 funding. No bids are required as this is a single source vendor. Administration recommends approval for the expenditure. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to approve.

b) Approval of Software Purchase

Administration is requesting approval for purchase of K-12 educational Software from Edmentum in the amount of \$46,276.15. Edmentum is a single source vendor, therefore no other bids are required. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to approve.

c) Approval of Special Education Budget for FY20-21

Judy Talley presented the proposed 2020-21 Special Education Budget. Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the budget as presented.

d) Approval of Spanish Textbook Adoption

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent along with the Spanish adoption committee, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Blacknall and carried 7-0 to approve the following Spanish Textbook adoption.

Arkadelphia High School:

Spanish I: Auténtico, Level I by Pearson

Spanish II: Auténtico, Level II by Pearson

Spanish III: Auténtico, Level III by Pearson

INTRODUCE BOARD POLICIES 5 AND 6 FOR A 30 DAY READ

Dr. Neathery stated that she would like the Board to review the policies that have been uploaded to the agenda for a 30 day for final approval in June.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL AMI PLANS FOR THE FALL 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Neathery stated that more information is coming forth however schools are preparing for a blended learning environment for the fall. The monies from the Cares Act are being appropriated for technology and to move our district to a 1:1 learning environment. The Board will be updated as plans are developed.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired into executive session at 6:30p.m. to consider personnel. In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Blacknall, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel action:

Reassignments from Central to Perritt:

Paul Hale	Custodian	2020/21
Paula McNeal	Special Education Paraprofessional	2020/21
Diann Lawhon	Special Education Teacher	2020/21
Vanessa Rodgers	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Rebecca McBride	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Amanda Harris	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Candace Williams	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Arnesha Talley	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Debbie Robertson	2 nd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Shannon Prince	Principal	2020/21

Reassignments from Central to Peake

Maggie Thomas	Custodian	2020/21
Amanda Klein	Special Education Paraprofessional	2020/21
Deborah McMillan	Media Specialist	2020/21
Charlotte DeWitt	Counselor	2020/21
Nessa Miller	Secretary/Bookkeeper	2020/21
Pam Harris	Music	2020/21
Kathy Crow	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Linda Syler	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Kyla Williams	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Hillary Brown	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Courtney Taylor	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21
Jessica Wright	3 rd Grade Teacher	2020/21

Reassignments from Central to Goza

Ryan Ellison	PE Teacher/Coach (206 Days)	2020/21
Kimberly Ellison	Instructional Facilitator	2020/21

Reassignments from Perritt to AHS

Callie Hunley	Principal	2020/21
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Resignation

Nikki Thomas	Principal/AHS	June 30, 2020
Trent Wilson	Teacher/Coach/ Goza	End of school year
Katina Warren	Parents as Teachers	June 30, 2020
Erica Bailey	Parents as Teachers	June 30, 2020

Intent to Retire

Marion Arnold
Barbara Hubbard

Cafeteria Worker/Peake
Cafeteria Worker/Peake

End of school year
End of school year

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Each Department submitted a report of the previous month's activities.

Blake Bell did not return
from the executive
session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a) Teachers of the year announced Kayla Murphy from Perritt, Candice Williams from Central, Haley Cole from Peake, Christy Smith from Goza, and Julie Bradshaw from AHS.
- b) Food service will increase pricing for next year. Dr. Harris wants this placed on the June agenda for Board voting.
- c) Starting June 8th the summer food program will start with a drive through at Goza and delivery to housing complexes in town.
- d) Acumen will install time clocks that will transfer data directly to the payroll office. This was recommended by the Department of Education for many reasons.
- e) Parents as Teachers will transfer to Dawson and our 2 employees will be housed at Dawson. Administration has been working with ADE's PAT Coordinator and the grant is rolling over to Dawson.
- f) AHS staff did an excellent job with graduation this past Saturday. EAST is putting together a video from the live feed and adding student highlights and it will be released soon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY