

**WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

REGULAR MEETING **Julius S. Brown Admin. Building** **Tuesday July 12, 2016**

PRESENT

ABSENT

Roy Agee
Doug Coleman
Raymond Jones, President
Connie Medsker
Rebecca Pittillo, Secretary
Scott Ray, Vice President
Larry Smith, Superintendent

The White Hall School Board met in a regular meeting Tuesday July 12, 2016 with all the Board Members present.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer, and Mr. Roy Agee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mrs. Pittillo moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the School Board,

- Approval of Minutes- June 21, 2016
- Approval of Claims - Board approves payment of the claims for the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Smith notified the Board of Act 1587 of 2007 which requires the superintendent of each school district to provide each board member with the website address for access to legislation. That address is <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us>.

Dr. Smith notified the Board of the Addendum to the Financial Advisor Agreement with First Security. It requires no action on the part of the District.

Mrs. Pittillo moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve for use the 2016-2017 Student Handbooks as presented for elementary, middle, and high school levels. These handbooks have been reviewed by committees made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and when appropriate students.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray moved and Dr. Coleman seconded to approve the Annual Membership in the Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA). The annual cost for the 2016-17 school year is expected to be less than \$2500. Dr. Smith assured the Board Members that we get a great return on this investment with training provided and legal services that are provided by ASBA. The organization is also an invaluable resource during the legislative sessions and an advocate for public schools in our state. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the bid on the Sprinkler Inspections in the buildings and kitchens throughout the district by Arkansas Automatic Sprinklers in the amount of \$6,495.00. We are required to have those systems inspected and if need be repaired to make sure that they are in good working condition. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session to discuss the appointment of our public official for the school board vacancy. Four letters were received from Wes Booker, Dean Dancer, Scott Lockhart and Scott Pittillo. Dr. Coleman moved and Mrs. Medsker seconded to appoint Scott Pittillo to hold this position through September until the school board election is held. Mrs. Pittillo is running unopposed pending any write in candidates. Motion carried unanimously

Mrs. Medsker moved and Mrs. Pittillo seconded to accept policies 4.30, 4.35, 4.40, and 8.11 for a first reading sent from ASBA's Model Policy of recent changes in state or federal guidelines. These will be brought back next month for final approval. Motion carried unanimously

Dr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve the contract for Occupational Therapy services with Sheridan Physical Therapy for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Ray moved and Mrs. Medsker seconded to approve the proposed contract from Cobb and Suskie, Ltd. to conduct the White Hall School District audit for the 2015-16 school year. Cobb and Suskie have conducted our audit independently of the state for a number of years and has been conducted in a very efficient and productive manner. The cost to the District is at most \$12,000.00, and the audit will be completed prior to Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously

Heath Bennett, Assistant Superintendent, presented the June 2016 Financial statement to the School Board stating the approval of Erate funds and AT&T rebate funds should be received in the next few months.

Craig Dupuy, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Board with an update on the District Transportation and Maintenance in which the cleaning for all facilities are on schedule and the flooring should be completed by July 22nd.

Dorothy Welch, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the Board all necessary books have been ordered to prepare for this new school year. Mrs. Welch extended an invitation to the board members to join the staff luncheon being held August 9th at the White Hall Community Center.

Dr. Larry Smith reported on receiving preliminary test results for the ACT Aspire which were close to last years scores. We are well above the state numbers in all other areas and will continue to move forward as we get more results.

Mr. Agee moved and Mr. Ray seconded to go to executive session for the discussion of resignations, retirements, transfers and new hires. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve the following personnel issues as presented: Motion carried unanimously

Classified to Certified Transfer
Laura Smith

WHMS Computer Lab Aide transfer to WHMS
Social Studies Teacher – effective July 12, 2016
Conditional pending criminal background and Child
Maltreatment Central Registry checks, presentation of
transcripts, licensure and any verified past employment.

Classified New Hires

Morgan Riggins

WHMS Level II 245 Day Secretary- effective July 12, 2016
conditional pending- criminal background and Child
Maltreatment Central Registry checks, and presentation of any
other required information

Skip Carr

District- A.M./P.M. Bus Driver- effective July 12, 2016
(current employee)

Danielle Williams

District- P.M. Bus Driver- effective July 12, 2016 conditional
pending- criminal background and Child Maltreatment Central
Registry checks, and presentation of valid CDL with
appropriate passenger endorsements

Dauphene Holloway

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appropriate passenger endorsements

Cedric Beard

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Dr. Coleman moved and Mrs. Pittillo seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Raymond Jones, School Board President

Mrs. Rebecca Pittillo, School, Board Secretary

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent