

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

REGULAR MEETING **Julius S. Brown Admin. Building** **Tuesday August 9, 2016**

PRESENT

Doug Coleman
Raymond Jones, President
Scott Pittillo
Scott Ray, Vice President
Larry Smith, Superintendent

ABSENT

Roy Agee
Connie Medsker
Rebecca Pittillo, Secretary

The White Hall School Board met in a regular meeting Tuesday August 9, 2016 with all the Board Members present except Mr. Agee, Mrs. Medsker and Mrs. Pittillo.

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

Mr. Ray moved and Dr. Coleman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the School Board,

- Approval of Minutes- July 13, 2016
- Approval of Claims – Board approves payment of the claims for the District

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Smith recognized the White Hall High School Track. The Girls 4 x 100 Relay Team won the 5A State Championship and placed 4th in the Overall Meet of Champs. The team is made up of Camry Gardner, Kaitlyn Looney, Catherine Taylor, Shakela Turner, and Erin Woolfork.

Bradie Ryburn won the 5A State Championship in the Girls High Jump. This is the third consecutive State Championship for Bradie in this event. She will have the opportunity to win a fourth State Championship this year, as she will be a senior.

Jayla Jefferson was the 5A State Runner-up in the Girls High Jump. She will be a junior this year. These students will be honored prior to the opening senior high football game against Crossett on September 9th.

Dr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve the bid to repaint the lines on the track from MAC McConnell & Associates for \$7,000. This amount should be paid from the District's building fund. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Pittillo seconded not to approve the request from LaQuita Wilson, parent of a Dollarway student who is requesting a legal transfer from the Dollarway School District to the White Hall School District. The WHSD is not in a position to interpret or determine what the court order requires in this case, and the State Board is already reviewing this case. If the State Board wishes to interpret the findings of the Federal Court, determine the impact of this request on the racial balance, and transfer the student, then the potential legal ramifications would fall on the Arkansas Department of Education and not the White Hall

School District. This was discussed with Kristen Garner with ASBA, and she indicated that in her legal opinion the White Hall School District should reject this request.
Motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve the four changes to the District policies as proposals from the Arkansas School Board Association; Policy 4.30, 4.35, 4.40, and 8.11 as presented in the July Board Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Pittillo moved and Mr. Ray seconded moving all operating funds balance in excess of \$3,120,000.00 to the District's Building Fund.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray moved and Dr. Coleman seconded the low bid from Southwest Fence Company for \$19,860.00 to replace fencing at the WHMS Football Field Area due to a major erosion problem that has occurred over the years. This amount should be paid from the District's Building Fund.
Motion carried unanimously.

Heath Bennett, Assistant Superintendent, presented the July 2016 Financial statement to the School Board stating the monies raised for the WHSD athletics from the dissolved Booster Club was receipted and put in a separate account and will transfer those funds to the new Booster Club when they meet on August 22nd. The approved Erate funds were received which should close this past years funding period with Erate, the state will take on the Internet cost moving forward in 2016-2017.

Craig Dupuy, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Board with an update on the District Transportation and Maintenance in which he stated all the custodial and maintenance crew have worked hard over the summer to have all the schools cleaned and ready for school. The painting and new carpet jobs at various campuses have been completed. Mr. Dupuy was happy to report all the bus route positions have been filled and fully staffed and buses are ready to begin the new school year.

Dorothy Welch, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the Board that the first Professional Development day for the year has been completed. The day started with all the administrators and staff riding buses through some of the district routes to give insight to our students' travels throughout the school year. The staff was treated with a luncheon and followed with introductions of new personnel district wide. The entire day was filled with positive attitudes and comments ready for the new 2016-2017 school year.

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent reported on early enrollment being approximately 2830 students which these numbers would continue to fluctuate through September. He was pleased to announce we are close to being fully staffed with the exception of two custodians and one ROTC instructor which applicants are being sought to fill these positions as soon as possible.

He also stated our athletics will kick off on August 19th with Dog Days to introduce the athletes and dance teams. The Board confirmed the date of August 23rd to have their Board work session to discuss the direction they would like to see the district grow in technology and any other areas of interest.

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

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

Certified Resignation

Les Davis

WHHS Social Studies Teacher- resignation- effective July 19, 2016

Certified Medical Leave

Ashley Johnson

WHHS- Medical Leave from August 15th through October 17th

Classified Transfer

Laura Beth Shaner

WHMS Cafeteria/Media Aide to Computer Lab Aide- effective August 9, 2016

Classified New Hire

Laura Beth Dupuy

WHMS Cafeteria/Media Aide- effective August 9, 2016- conditional pending results of criminal and Child Maltreatment Central Registry checks

Bianca Eatman

District Special Education Bus Aide- effective August 9, 2016- conditional pending results of criminal and Child Maltreatment Central Registry checks

Robert Atkinson

District P.M. Bus Driver- effective August 9, 2016- conditional pending results of criminal, Child Maltreatment Central Registry checks and CDL with appropriate passenger endorsement

Classified Resignations

Isaac Parks

MES 5 hr. Custodian- retirement effective August 12, 2016

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

Dr. Raymond Jones, School Board President

Mrs. Rebecca Pittillo, School, Board Secretary

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent