

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

REGULAR MEETING **Julius S. Brown Admin. Building** **Tuesday September 13, 2016**

PRESENT

Raymond Jones, President
Scott Pittillo
Roy Agee
Connie Medsker
Scott Ray, Vice President
Larry Smith, Superintendent

ABSENT

Dr. Doug Coleman
Rebecca Pittillo, Secretary

The White Hall School Board met in a regular meeting Tuesday September 13, 2016 with all the Board Members present except Dr. Doug Coleman and Mrs. Rebecca Pittillo.

Mr. Scott Pittillo opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Roy Agee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mrs. Medsker moved and Scott Ray seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the School Board,

- Approval of Minutes- August 9, 2016
- Approval of Facility Use Requests from WH Dolphins
- Approval of Facility Use Quapaw Area Council
- Approval of Minority Recruitment Plan
- Approval of Ex-Officio Financial Secretary
- Approval of Contract with Jenkins Memorial Center
- Approval of Claims

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Smith recognized two teachers selected by a panel of judges to represent the WHSD as Teacher of the Year. Marcella Saoud our Art Teacher at Taylor Elementary was selected for the Elementary Teacher of the Year and Leigh Eggleton our English Teacher at White Hall High School was selected for Secondary Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to both of you.

Missy Brodnax addressed the board concerning Aspire Leadership Organization. She would like to begin this program at the White Hall High School to help foster community awareness and involvement by our students. The board approved Mrs. Brodnax to introduce this program to the students and accept applications from those students with interest. She will return to the board in the Spring with an update on the progress and acceptance of the program.

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the request from the City of Redfield and AHTD for an Easement that will allow the City of Redfield to participate in a grant program to install sidewalks. The 180 yards long and 15 feet wide area is at the edge of our property on Schoolwood Drive and Michael Drive. The sidewalks will be paid for by the Grant of Arkansas

Highway and Transportation Department and will certainly be an improvement to the Hardin Elementary campus.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pittillo moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the already approved Resolution Concerning the 5% Salary Increases in 2015-2016 which is a part of the Act 1120 of 2013. This Act requires each school district to prepare a report for the Board of Education to review and adopt a resolution approving employee's salary increases, which are greater than 5% from one fiscal year to the next.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the districts Operating Budget for 2016-2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Agee moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve Powers Intelligent Controls Monitoring Program and Upgrade to monitor and control the systems 24/7 at White Hall High School. The cost of \$15,275.00 is spelled out in the agreement which includes a number of preventative maintenance visits and review of the systems' functionality. This system will allow us to better monitor the system at WHHS.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Medsker moved and Mr. Agee seconded to approve the districts portion of the State Championship rings up to \$100 per athlete towards the cost of their rings. Last month we recognized seven of the track athletes who competed and won state championships in Track and Field this past Spring. Funds of \$700 are available to cover a portion of the cost of these seven rings in question from the net gate receipts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Heath Bennett, Assistant Superintendent, presented the August 2016 Financial statement to the School Board stating he has not yet received a funding commitment from Erate for this school year. Mr. Bennett projected this year's funding to be approximately the same as last year. He spoke to a Chartwells Food Service representative who is scheduled to present their services to the board at the November 8th Board Meeting.

Craig Dupuy, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Board with an update on the District Transportation, Maintenance and Athletics. Maintenance and Ground crews have worked hard on trimming and cutting down trees to spruce up each campus. The football season was kicked off two weeks ago with celebrating wins and Volleyball is just about half way over and Golf and Tennis are coming to a close at the end of this month. He also stated it's getting time to replace a trip bus (84 passenger) and possibly a mini bus and will be looking into estimates to present at the next board meeting.

Dorothy Welch, Assistant Superintendent, stated she has been working on the Annual reports for the next board meeting but has also been going around to the schools and visiting with the teachers. All of the teachers and staff are doing wonderful. She has had several appointments with parents, students and teachers to observe and assist in curriculum questions.

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent reported on the ACT scores over the past four years. The district percentages have gradually increased each year with higher expectations increasing in each area i.e., English, Math, Reading and Science. He stated over the past ten years enrollment has been very sporadic, however, the current enrollment today is up 35 students from this same time as last year's enrollment. In regards to School Choice, we received 156 Regular School Choice Applications of which 76 were approved. This is a grand total of 276 school choice students enrolled in WHSD. The total economic impact of these 276 students' times \$6,646 funding equals \$1,834,296 to the district. The demographic hasn't changed much with males at 51.9% and females 48.1% both staying fairly stable. Our Free and Reduced lunch counts have increased to 47%, not necessary due to new students but a decrease in enrollment creating higher percentage of Free and Reduced students. In reference to Mr. Dupuy's statement on sprucing up the grounds, I have asked Mr. Stringer to have East Lab students design a plaza for the front of the high school. This design will be discussed and brought forward to the board as designs are complete.

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

Classified Resignations

Janet Penn

GES Physical Activity/Duty Aide 7.5 hr/180 days- resignation effective August 15, 2016

Joyce Henderson

WHMS Level I 8 hr Custodian/261 days- resignation effective September 9, 2016

Shirley Raney

GES Level I 7 hr Custodian/261 days and District Bus Driver- retirement effective October 14, 2016

Classified New Hires

Lashawndra Sloan

TES 8 hr Level I Custodian (prorated 261 day contract) - effective September 9, 2016 conditional- pending criminal background and Child Maltreatment Central Registry checks

Edmond Joe

WHMS 8 hr Level I Custodian (prorated 261 day contract) – effective September 9, 2016- pending criminal background and Child Maltreatment Central Registry checks

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

Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Agee seconded to adjourn meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Raymond Jones, School Board President

Mrs. Rebecca Pittillo, School Board Secretary

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent