

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

REGULAR MEETING **Julius S. Brown Admin. Building** **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

PRESENT

Dr. Doug Coleman
Dr. Ray Jones, President
Scott Lockhart
Rebecca Pittillo, Secretary
Scott Ray, Vice President
Larry Smith, Superintendent

ABSENT

Roy Agee
Connie Medsker

The White Hall School Board met in a regular meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2017 with all the Board Members present except Mrs. Connie Medsker and Mr. Roy Agee.

Dr. Ray Jones opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Scott Ray led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Ray motioned and Mr. Lockhart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the School Board,

- Approval of Minutes- December 13th Regular Meeting (A)
- Facility Use Requests
Facility Use Request from Area IX Special Olympics (A)
- Approval of Claims (A)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jones, the School Board President recognized the following:

The District received recognition from the Arkansas Department of Education for the Board to consider this month:

The Arkansas School Recognition Program was created to provide financial awards to public schools that experience high student performance, student academic growth, or high graduation rate. Two White Hall School District campuses were recognized under this program for the 2015-16 school year:

Moody Elementary School Top 6%-10% for student performance: \$18,650.00

Gandy Elementary School Top 6%-10% for student academic growth: \$16,600.00

Heath Bennett, Assistant Superintendent, presented the December 2016 financial statement to the School Board stating we are up over \$500,000 in cash bases alone from this same time as last year.

He also informed the board he did receive an erate funding commitment and he will continue to work with them over the next several months for discounted rates.

Craig Dupuy, Assistant Superintendent, informed the Board that over Christmas break the Maintenance and Grounds crew worked at Taylor Elementary trimming trees and getting the area ready for sidewalks on West Street so students will be able to walk to and from school more safely. The Transportation

Department is in need of two bus drivers to complete the afternoon routes. The new 15 passenger school bus the district ordered was delivered in December therefore, the existing older, high mileage 15 passenger bus will be ready to sell in the near future.

Mrs. Welch, Assistant Superintendent stressed her pride on our two elementary schools, Moody for being in the Top 6%-10% for Student Performance and Gandy for being Top 6%-10% for Student Academic Growth. She also informed the board she has applied for the East Initiative Grant for the WHMS which is looking very positive. Mrs. Welch also received information from the State Dept. stating beginning the next school year (2017-2018), Digital Communications I and II will no longer be available. Digital Communications III and IV will still be available allowing students who began the program this year to be completers. The replacement program of study will be called Social Media and Communications to incorporate up-to-date and relevant real-world skills. Lastly, she invited the board to the next In-service day for certified staff on February 10 which the United Way representative will speak at 8:00am in the WHHS cafeteria.

Dr. Smith, Superintendent, informed the board that Nabholz construction visited the WHHS to review the upcoming welding lab construction and felt there would be more venting and wiring work than actual construction for the lab. Dr. Smith also was pleased to announce the WHHS graduation rate was noted as 94.89 percent which is a very positive rate. The State of Arkansas and Governor Hutchinson proclaimed January, 2017, as Arkansas School Board Member Recognition Month. The board members were given a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation of their valuable service. Dr. Smith thanked each board member for their contribution of countless hours in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities to the district and community. He also let the board members know that he and the staff appreciate their commitment to the success of our district and our students as they work to ensure every child thrives with education programs to assist in his or her needs.

Dr. Jones moved and Mr. Ray seconded not to go to executive session since there were no resignations or new hires.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Pittillo moved and Mr. Ray seconded to approve the Substitutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Raymond Jones, School Board President

Mrs. Rebecca Pittillo, School Board Secretary

Dr. Larry Smith, Superintendent