

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board**  
**April 20, 2020**

The directors of the board met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, School Administration Building, 200 West Oak Street, with Renee Skinner presiding. Other directors present were Kenneth Clemons, Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Keith Smith, and Susan Turbeville. Director Todd Whatley participated remotely via cell phone. Also attending was Katie Sandifer and Supt. Jim Tucker.

Mrs. Skinner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting held March 9. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the minutes were approved.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Mr. Tucker presented the bids John Thompson received on two 2021 gas powered, 65 passenger route buses:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
Central States Bus Sales, Little Rock	\$78,509.00	\$157,018.00
Summit Bus Sales, North Little Rock	81,500.00	163,000.00

Mr. Tucker recommended the board's consideration of the bid from Central States Bus Sales for a total of \$157,018.00. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Keith Smith and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the two 2021 gas powered, 65 passenger route buses from Central States Bus Sales for a total of \$157,018.00.

Mr. Tucker said student services also received the following bids on copy paper for the district. He explained the bids were for 1,680 cases of 8 ½" x 11" copy paper:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Paper Group, Cuyahoga Falls, OH	\$24.23	\$40,706.40
Veritiv, Shreveport, LA	24.35	40,908.00
BNB Solutions, El Dorado, AR	29.00	48,720.00

He recommended the boards consideration of the local bid from Contract Paper Group. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Shaneil Yarbrough and carried on a 5-0 vote at 6:03 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$40,706.40 from Contract Paper Group for 1,680 cases of 8 ½" x 11" copy paper for the district.

Mr. Tucker visited with the board regarding Arch Ford ALE, HUB and Day Treatment Facility for 2020-2021. The ALE program is used to help students who are referred for academic, behavioral or social issues from their home school for nine weeks or more. Students learn curriculum for their grade level while teachers use positive interventions to incorporate instruction in coping skills, life skills and character education. The HUB program allows for a flexible schedule for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to focus on individual students and help them reach graduation. The HUB program is currently at the high school and would move to Murmil Educational Center. Mr. Tucker confirmed, "With their presence there now, there won't be a great deal of change other than continuing to implement those strategies they are trying to progress with."

Mr. Tucker said the programs would cost \$690,000.00 for all employees and to run it, which would save the school district around \$85,000.00. He noted the alternative learning environment education and HUB program will continue to employ district

teachers. He added teachers have to apply through Arch Ford Education Cooperative but if they aren't picked up, they still have a job with the district.

Mr. Tucker's recommendation also included moving toward a new Day Treatment Facility under the direction of Arch Ford. He said it is \$210,000.00 to service 20 students at the facility, which will include intensive counseling every day, along with a psychiatrist on-site, as well as the student's regular education. Students will be recommended by parents, teachers, and counselors and then a committee will decide if the student will be admitted to the facility. He has been working on the idea for a few years but discussion began in the district in the past year. Mr. Tucker said there is opportunity for the treatment facility to grow but it will initially begin with twenty students. He also noted that one side of Murmil will house the ALE and HUB programs and the other side will be dedicated to the Day Treatment Facility. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Keith Smith and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the superintendent's recommendation of continuing the ALE and HUB programs with Arch Ford Education Cooperative, moving the HUB program to Murmil Educational Center, and implementing a Day Treatment Facility at Murmil with Arch Ford.

Mr. Tucker stated he received the following Petition for Transfer Request forms:

Shartavia Jones lives in our district and requesting to transfer her child, Jazmine Jones to the Parkers Chapel School District. Mr. Tucker recommended the legal transfer. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Jazmine Jones to transfer to Parkers Chapel School District.

The board approved a Petition for Transfer Request form for one students to transfer from Smackover-Norphlet district to El Dorado.

Mr. Tucker said Samantha Medlin and Vincent Medlin live in the Strong-Huttig district and have filed for their child, Miles Medlin to transfer into the El Dorado district. He noted the Strong-Huttig school board has approved the transfer from their district. On a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Keith Smith and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Miles Medlin to transfer from the Strong-Huttig district into the El Dorado district.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 7-0 vote at 7:30 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the superintendent's recommendations concerning the acceptance of resignations and the employment of new personnel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.