

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
July 14, 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, Susan Turbeville, and Todd Whatley. Supt. Jim Tucker, Melissa Powell and Shelley Pruitt were also in attendance.

Mrs. Skinner asked if there were corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting held June 8 and June 23. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Todd Whatley, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the minutes were approved and on file in the superintendent's office.

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

Mr. Tucker reviewed the bids received for the TAC House roof replacement. He noted the roof has outlived its life by many years, especially with the amount of leaks over the last four years. CADM Architects received the following bids:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shields & Associates, Little Rock	\$83,700.00
Cross Roofing, El Dorado	92,077.00
Industrial Roofing & Const., Sterlington, LA	96,690.00
El Dorado Roofing Co., El Dorado	103,000.00

Mr. Tucker recommended the low bid of \$83,700.00 from Shields & Associates. After some discussion and on a motion by Todd Whatley, seconded by Susan Turbeville and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$83,700.00 from Shields & Associates for the roof replacement at the TAC House.

Melissa Powell presented the 2020 – 2021 licensed and classified salary schedules and stipends for the board's consideration. Mrs. Powell also added for the board's consideration, that teacher who have earned additional, relevant degrees or sufficient college hours to warrant a salary change are responsible for

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RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the licensed and classified salary schedules and stipends for 2020 – 2021.

Geni Smith presented the Board and District Policies and Student Handbook in the June board meeting. She asked if they had questions prior to their consideration for approval. On a motion by Keith Smith, seconded by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the Board and District Policies and Student Handbook for 2020 – 2021 school year.

Mr. Tucker reminded the board that last month he presented a resolution from Governor Hutchinson for their consideration and vote in the July board meeting. The resolution covered suspension of district policy to align with emergency COVID-19 legislation and statutory/rule waivers. The waivers are in association with guidelines to maintain safe and secure schools and are within the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines. On a motion by Todd Whatley, seconded by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the Governor Hutchinson’s resolution in regard to suspension of district policy to align with emergency COVID-19 legislation and statutory/rule waivers. A copy will be on file in the board minutes book.

Mr. Tucker said that Grace George, Kimberly Newman and he met and feel very confident that they can add students in grades 9 – 12 to feed breakfast and lunch for free this upcoming year with little or no cost to the district. This will be through a program called the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). CEP is made possible through the United States Department of Agriculture. This is a program we had to apply for and be approved by the ADE Child Nutrition Unit. This past year, grades K – 8 received free breakfast and lunch. After some discussion and on a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Wayne Gibson and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves adding free breakfast and lunch for grades 9 – 12 through the Community Eligibility Program.

The board approved the Petition for Transfer Request forms for four students to transfer to Parkers Chapel and four students to transfer to Smackover-Norphlet district. The board also approved four Strong-Huttig resident students and one Junction City resident student to transfer into El Dorado district.

Mr. Tucker stated it is time to renew the membership to the Arkansas School Boards Association and asked for the board’s consideration. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the renewal and membership fee of \$2,300.00 to the Arkansas School Boards Association.

Mr. Tucker said by law every school district in Arkansas, starting with the 2019 – 2020 school year, is to report to the local school board verifying bullying incidents at each school. Each year he will be reporting to the board the number of those bullying incidents at each school and how many were found to be true after investigation. Below is the data for each school:

	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Founded</u>
El Dorado High School	15	2
Barton Junior High School	11	4
Washington Middle School	121	18
Hugh Goodwin Elementary School	12	1
Yocum Elementary School	10	0
Northwest Elementary School	6	0
Retta Brown Elementary School	5	3

Mr. Tucker said the schools work with the students through counseling, in school suspension, out of school suspension, conflict resolution, change classes, change seating in class, or change their lunch shift.

Mrs. Skinner reminded the board that the district dinner for retiring employee will be Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the El Dorado Golf & Country Club. She said Opening Session for Licensed Staff will be Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the E.H.S. Arena.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Keith Smith, seconded by Todd Whatley and carried on a 7-0 vote at 7:04 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.