

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members Present: Dr. Jeff Root, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President Ms. Karrie Goodman, Mr. Randy Turner, and Dr. Casey Motl. **Members absent:** Ms. Terri King, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present. Dr. Root stated the purpose of the meeting was to conduct the agenda planning session for the regular August board meeting, and to consider listed agenda items.

AGENDA PLANNING SESSION

The Board and Superintendent conducted the agenda planning session for the August regular board meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to add "**Consideration of Annual School Election Adjustment**" to the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 5-0 to add "**Consideration of Back to School Staff Bonus**" to the agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to add "**Study Circle Discussion**" to the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR BUS PURCHASE

Dr. Whitten presented bids received for the purchase of a new school bus. Those received were: **Central State Bus Sales:** \$101,130.00; **Summit Bus of Conway:** \$95,535.00. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid of Summit Bus of Conway for the purchase of one (1) 2015 77-passenger bus @\$95,535.00.

SCHOOL ELECTION CHANGE

The Superintendent reported that the Clark County Election Commission has submitted a request to the Board to conduct the 2014 annual school election with Early and Absentee voting only due to the non-contested board positions in the 2014 board election. Upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve the request for an election with early and absentee voting only for 2014.

BACK TO SCHOOL BONUS FOR STAFF

Dr. Whitten reported the District's receipt of additional funding from local taxes, and recommended to the Board a back-to-school bonus for teachers and staff. Following discussion, the Board approved that the item be placed on the August regular meeting agenda, and requested additional feedback from the Personnel Policy Committee.

STUDY CIRCLE DISCUSSION

Dr. Whitten reported on plans for a Board Study Circle to be conducted on Tuesday, August 19 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom with an ASBA facilitator, related to the topic of "Problem Solving and Planning."

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations

Heather Hill, Child Care Para teacher; Effective 08-05-2014

Britney Hickman, Elementary Primary teacher (Central); Effective 07-18-14

Christy Shuffield, Speech Therapist (Perritt); Effective 07-07-14

Medical Leave of Absence

Romanetha Terry, Kindergarten teacher; Effective period of 2014-15

Employment

Candace Williams, Primary teacher (Central); 191-day contract – at scale

Ashlee Francis, KG teacher – (Perritt); 191-day contract – at scale; 1 yr.

Miranda Kegley, Pre-K Para teacher – (Rosenwald); 191-day contract – at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY