

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: APRIL 15, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

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

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with seven (7) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved minutes of the meetings of March 11, March 20, and April 1, 2014 as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

During the "Report of Excellence", AHS band students David Lloyd & Seth Daniel were honored for outstanding honors achieved recently on the statewide level of band competition. Band Director, Jim Lloyd, assisted in the presentation.

Athletic Director, Chris Babb, led in recognition of Head Football Coach J.R. Eldridge and Head Basketball Coach Donnie Williams 4A-7 Coaches of the Year for their respective sports. Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, announced that Mr. Chris Babb had been also named 4A Athletic Director of the Year.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

In place of the usual Instructional Report, Clark County Sheriff, Jason Watson, provided an update on safety plans and training that have been implemented by the County in the District.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for March.

ACCEPTANCE OF FY2013 FINAL AUDIT REPORT

The Superintendent presented the findings of the 2013 audit of the District finances. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to accept the FY2013 final audit report.

REPORT ON NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Board Member Dr. Kenneth Harris provided a summary of information and events featured during the 2014 Annual National School Board Association.

BID CONSIDERATION FOR NEW TECH FURNITURE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to accept the bid of School Outfitters for the purchase of tables and chairs to be used at Arkadelphia High School @ \$12,644.41.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVERTISING FOR USED VEHICLES

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to approve the advertisement and sale of district-owned used vehicles: two 1995 buses, one 1996 bus, one 1998 van, one 1992 automobile, and one 1953 tractor.

ATHLETIC PRESENTATION/BADGER STADIUM

Mr. Chris Babb and Coach J.R. Eldridge presented information regarding a proposal for installation of turf at Badger Stadium. Coach Eldridge stated the purpose of the presentation to propose securing funds in 2014 to lay down synthetic grass at Badger Stadium, benefiting the school and the community. Donors/sponsors are being sought to provide private funding commitments for the project.

→Dr. Motl was excused from the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

→Dr. Harris was excused from the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Mr. Whitten explained that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information to the Board on the proposed project.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:58 p.m.

In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve:

Resignation/Intent to Retire

Nina Fallin, Social Studies teacher(AHS); Effective end of 2013-14 contract

Resignation

Regina Ammons, Paraprofessional (Goza); Effective end of 2013-14 contract

Employment

Whitney Ivy, English teacher (AHS) 191-day contract-at scale, beginning 8-6-2014

Mike Morrow, Math teacher (AHS); 191-day contract-at scale, beginning 8-26-2014

Justin Neel, Bus Driver (fulltime)-at scale, effective 4-16-14.

Re-Employment of Classified Staff for 2014-15

Listing attached

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY