

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: July 30, 2013

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 30, 2013 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. Shelly Perrin, Secretary; Ms. Terri King and Ms. Karrie Goodman. **Members absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President and: Mr. Billy Groom.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four (4) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2013 was approved as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Personnel and Curriculum, provided information regarding the District schedule for staff and students in August for beginning of school events and activities. The first day for students will be Monday, August 19.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements. Mr. Whitten reported that the District Budget Committee will soon begin meeting in the process of developing the 2013-14 budget.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION UPDATE

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, presented the listing of candidates for the Board's annual school election to be held on Tuesday, September 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Arkadelphia Recreation Center. Positions and candidates are listed:

Zone 1: Mr. Blake Bell and Dr. Casey Motl

Zone 2: Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.

Zone 3: Mr. Billy Groom

Zone 5: Mr. Alan LeVar and Mr. Randy Turner

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROPOSAL

Mr. Whitten reviewed the history of the District's decision and process utilized to bid for one mental health counseling service provider to be selected to work with students in the District. Following notification to all interested agencies, five proposals were submitted and reviewed by ten-member committee, led by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum. Upon the recommendation of the Committee and Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 4-0 to grant the Superintendent approval to enter into a contract on behalf of the Arkadelphia School District with Arkansas Counseling Associates/Maxus to provide mental health counseling services to students in the District.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:24 p.m. to consider recommendations for acceptance of resignations; and approval of transfers and employment.

In open session following executive session, the following actions were approved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Resignations

Becky Barnes, Special Ed teacher (Peake); effective 6-13-13

Eric Hart, Teacher/Coach (AHS); effective 7-03-13

Vicki Nutt, Special Ed teacher (Goza); effective 7-29-13

Traci Davis, Pre-K teacher (Perritt); effective 6-10-13

Debbie Houston, Math teacher (AHS); effective 7-13-13

Katherine Sykes, Math teacher (AHS); effective 7-18-13

Monte Caldwell, Computer technician; effective 7-31-13

Kay Butler, Paraprofessional (AHS); effective 7-22-13

Rachel Davis, Cafeteria employee (Goza); effective 7-08-13

Transfers

Paula Williams: from 5th grade teacher at Peake to Special Ed teacher at AHS

Julie Bradshaw: from Adult Ed educator to Special Ed teacher at AHS

Employment

Deborah Crews, Elementary teacher (Peake); 191-day contract – at scale

Jamie Kapella, Math teacher (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Steve Turnbaugh, Math teacher (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Zonder Hall, Paraprofessional (Rosenwald Childcare); 260-day contract – at scale

Belinda Hughes, Paraprofessional (Rosenwald Childcare); 260-day contract – at scale

Yesenia Alfara, Paraprofessional (Rosenwald Childcare); 260-day contract – at scale

Laura Wyatt, Special Ed. paraprofessional (AHS); 191-day contract – at scale

Rachel Davis, Custodian (Perritt); 260-day contract – at scale

Mary Franklin, Custodian (Goza); 186-day contract – at scale

Matthew Campbell, Maintenance Asst.; 260-day contract – at scale (retroactive 7-01-13)

Jasper Benton, Part-time bus driver; 178-day contract – at scale

Don Dawson, Full-time bus driver; 178-day contract – at scale

Anthony Fort, Full-time bus driver; 178-day contract – at scale

James Langley, Full-time bus driver; 178-day contract – at scale

Mark Sanders, Full-time bus driver; 178-day contract – at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY