

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES: JUNE 17, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, June 17, 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, and Ms. Karrie Goodman. Members absent: Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President, and Dr. Casey Motl.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board approved minutes of the meetings of May 20, 2014 with correction to the motion regarding the Athletic Field Turf project; and the minutes of June 3, 2014, as presented.

**AGENDA REVISION**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to add the Agenda Item "Consideration of IMAC Lab Bid for Title Purchase."

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE/INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Updates on summer programs for students were provided by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Curriculum/Instruction Director; and Dr. Patricia Wright, Special Programs and 21C Director.

Mr. Erik Edington, Boys and Girls Club Director, presented information regarding the scheduling and programs of the organization. Ms. Shannon Prince, Summer Prime Time Coordinator/Perritt After-School Director, gave a report on the enrichment activities, as well as meals being provided for community youth at Perritt and Goza.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's financial reports for May were reviewed by the Superintendent and Board.

**PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. King and carried 5-0 to approve the Proposed Budget of Expenditures – a state requirement for projecting approximate expenditures - for 2015-16.

**APPROVAL OF BASEBALL FIELD EXPENDITURES – CITY PARTNERSHIP**

Dr. Whitten presented information regarding the partnership of the City of Arkadelphia with Arkadelphia Public Schools to create enhanced playing fields for baseball and softball. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to approve the first payment of \$30,216.05 to the City of Arkadelphia for the filed construction project.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCING RESOLUTION FOR BASEBALL AND TURF PROJECTS**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Mr.

Groom, and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution regarding financing of the baseball and turf projects:

1. The Arkadelphia Board of Education will borrow \$1,000,000 at the rate of 3.61% for a term of ten (10) years with annual payments from Southern Bancorp.
2. The Board President and Secretary are authorized to sign the loan documents.
3. Loan proceeds are to be spent on the football field turf project and the baseball field expenditures with pledges from local donors to be used as stipulated in pledge agreements, over a period of ten (10) years.

#### **BID CONSIDERATION FOR PLATO PURCHASE**

The Superintendent presented a one-source bid proposal for purchase of district PLATO program licensing. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid of Edmentum @ \$32,10.00 for purchasing the licenses to be paid through Title VI funding.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARY SCHEDULE REVISION**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the 2014-15 classified salary revision in order to meet Federal Compliance for minimum wage requirements.

#### **ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR**

Dr. Whitten reviewed timelines for Annual School Election filing, election, and run-offs, and announced that two positions are open for the 2014 school election in Zones 4 and 5, currently held by Dr. Jeff Root and Mr. Randy Turner. The 2014 school election will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

#### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR 2014-15:**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve current board policies and the revised Certified Stipend Schedule as required by annual state guidelines.

#### **APPROVAL OF STUDENT POLICY REVISIONS & STUDENT HANDBOOK**

The Superintendent presented proposed board student and instructional policy revisions to the Board for review. In order to meet printing deadlines for student handbooks, Dr. Whitten requested the board waive the tentative approval requirement and grant final approval for the revisions.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to waive the two-reading policy requirement in order to meet student handbook printing deadlines and approve revision and adoption of the following policies:

**4.1: Residence Requirements; 4.2: Entrance Requirements; 4.4: Student Transfers; 4.7: Absences; 4.17: Student Discipline; 4.45: Smart Core Curriculum; 4.55: Student Promotion and Retention; 5.11: Promotion/Retention Course Credit; 5.14: Homework; 5.15: Grading; 5.21: Advanced Placement; 5.22: Concurrent Credit; 6.11: Parental/Community Involvement – District; 6.12: Parental/Community Involvement – School.**

A motion made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to waive the tentative approval policy prior to final approval vote in order to meet student handbook printing deadlines for 2014-15.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried -5-0 to adopt policy adoptions and revisions; and to approve student handbook revisions for 2014-15 as presented by the administration.

### **CONSIDERATION OF IMAC LAB BID FOR TITLE PURCHASE**

The Superintendent presented a request for Board approval to purchase an iMac computer lab for the EAST/Web Design program of Study at Arkadelphia High School to meet standards set forth by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education as required for Apple workstations.

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve the single source bid of Apple Inc. Education @\$41,142.05 for the purchase of an iMac computer Lab through Workforce Ed funding.

### **RECESS**

The Board president called for a recess at 7:32 prior to the Board's executive session to consider personnel recommendations for resignations and employment.

### **RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m. to retire to executive session for personnel considerations.

### **PERSONNEL**

In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken:

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

### **RESIGNATIONS:**

**Lara Veazey**, Elementary teacher (Peake); effective end of 2013-14 contract  
**Jacquelyn McDaniel**, Food Service employee (Perritt); effective June 3, 2014

### **INTENT TO RETIRE/RESIGNATION**

**Diane Basco**, Food Service employee (Perritt); effective end of 2013-14 contract

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Joseph Kizer**, Teacher/Coach (AHS); 206-day contract – at scale  
**Jeremy Myers**, Teacher/Coach (Goza); 206-day contract – at scale  
**JeQuetta Berry**, FACS teacher (AHS); 206-day contract – at scale  
**Camille DeVaney**, Middle School teacher (Goza); 191-day contract – at scale  
**Sara Holt**, Physical Science teacher (AHS); 191-day contract – at scale  
**Michael Hartmann**, Elementary teacher (Peake); 191-day contract – at scale  
**Ryan Ellison**, Physical Education teacher (Central); 191-day contract – at scale  
**Nancy Mortensen**, GT Coordinator; 240-day contract – at scale  
**Lisa Jones**, Secretary (Perritt); 240-day contract – at scale  
**Michael S. McBride**; Transportation – Assistant Mechanic; 191-day contract – at scale  
**Jimmy Minchew**, Transportation – Bus Driver; 191-day contract – at scale  
**Salma Shahid**, Clark County Daycare – Para, 260-day contract – at scale  
**Sharon Lewis**, Clark County Daycare – Para, 260-day contract – at

**DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE FOR MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

The Superintendent and Board discussed various aspects of possible land purchase for facility expansion, as well as millage proposal information. Dr. Whitten reported that he would be meeting with the current facilities advisor to the District on the following day, and it was agreed to have further discussion regarding this item at future board meetings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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**MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY**