

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: MARCH 11, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, March 11, 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 Mr. Billy Groom, Mr. Randy Turner, Ms. Karrie Goodman, and Dr. Casey Motl . **Members absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; and Ms. Terri King, Secretary.

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 February 18, and March 4, 2014 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Donnie Whitten announced a special event to be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Arkadelphia High School – AHS Business After Hours – The Great American High School. During the event, student ambassadors, and staff from the school will showcase New Tech, East Lab, and other programs for community, business, and industry leaders.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

A report on PARK, a pilot testing program for preparation of college-bound students, was presented by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION OF 2014-15 CALENDAR RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Whitten presented the PPC and Administration recommendation for the 2014-15 school calendar as voted by the certified staff. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to approve Option #1 for 2014-15.

APPOINTMENT OF 2014 DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Board approved the following members as the 2014-15 District Budget Committee: Ms. Terri King, Board Member; Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent; Ms. Jill Hilton, District Treasurer; Ms. Jeanette Turner, Central Office; Ms. Nikki Thomas, Principal; Mr. Bud McMillion, Teacher; Ms. Glenda Williams, Classified Staff.

SCHOOL CHOICE CONSIDERATION

The Board, Superintendent, and School Attorney, Mr. Ed McCorkle, discussed the District's position regarding participation in School Choice for 2014-15. It was the consensus of the Board to call a special meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 to make a decision on the issue.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:40 p.m. to consider personnel recommendations for re-employment of certified staff, resignation, and employment. 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. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve:

Resignation/Intent to Retire:

Martha Hasley, Bus Driver; effective March 30, 2014.

J.T. Egger, Bus Mechanic; effective June 30, 2014

Employment

Patricia Yelverton, Special Ed teacher (Central) – 191-day contract – at scale: contract beginning 8-6-2014.

Re-Employment of Certified Staff for 2014-15

List attached

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58.

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY