

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Official Minutes: May 20, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, May 20, 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 April 15, and May 6, 2014 as presented.

### **REPORT OF EXCELLENCE/INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

An extended recognition of district wide student achievement was presented by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Special recognition was extended to members of the AHS Quiz Bowl Team members; as well as sponsors, Ms. Beverly Slavens and Mr. Steve Patterson.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for the month of April.

### **REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION MEETING AT ARKADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board President, Superintendent, and Mr. Bud McMillion, AHS Instructor, presented a report on the May 6 Arkansas Legislative committee meeting hosted at Arkadelphia High School.

### **BID CONSIDERATION FOR TITLE I PURCHASE OF CAREER ED LAPTOPS/CART**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of Gov Connection @\$20,437.50 (TIPPS/TAPPS state contract) for the purpose of updating Career Ed laptops/cart.

### **BID CONSIDERATION FOR AHS NEW TECH LAPTOPS FOR 2014-15**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of School Tech Supply @\$131,684.70 for the purchase of laptop computers for the AHS New Tech program, 2014-15.

### **UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF ATHLETIC TURF PROJECT**

Mr. Chris Babb, Athletic Director, and Coach J.R. Eldridge, Head Football Coach, were present to provide information on the turf project proposal for Badger Stadium. It was reported that businesses both in and out of town have been contacted in seeking financial sponsorship for the project. Information was additionally given on research of the company under consideration for installing the turf.

In planning for financing, options being offered to business sponsors would allow businesses up to 10 years to pay their pledged amount.

The following time-line was discussed for the project:

1. Request Board to consider approving project contract, pending execution of paperwork and signed contracts from contributing sponsors/businesses.
2. Timing for project to be started: Mid June.

3. District would secure the funding with a stipulation that 80% of amount needed to complete the project be committed by sponsors prior to executing agreement.

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 for the Board to grant authorization to the Superintendent and Athletic Director for moving forward with the project, with the contingency of obtaining 80% of the committed sponsorship funding prior to proceeding.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Superintendent announced the annual Badger Scholar Banquet on Thursday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the OBU Walker Conference Center; and Arkadelphia High School 2014 Graduation on Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. in HSU Wells Center.

### **PERSONNEL**

The Board retired to executive session at 7:00 p.m. to consider resignations and employment recommendations.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve:

#### **Resignation**

**Heather Fulmer**, Mathematics teacher (Goza); Effective end of 2013-14 contract

**Theresa Bolt**, Secretary (Perritt); Effective June 10, 2014

**Amalia Watson**, Pre-K Paraprofessional – Effective end of 2013-14 contract

#### **Employment**

**Arnesha Horton**, Pre-K teacher: 191-day contract – at scale

**Karen Turner**, Paraprofessional (Goza): 191-day contract – at scale

**Jordan Phillips**, Paraprofessional (Central); 191-day contract – at scale

**Angela McKay**, Secretary (Central): 240-day contract – at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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**MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY**