

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members Present: D. 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.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Randy Turner, and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 2013, with correction on the time of adjournment of the meeting to 6:12 p.m. The October 15, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

Report of Excellence/ Instructional Report

Mrs. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Mrs. Nikki Thomas, Peake Principal, Ms. Lara Veazey and Mrs. Tori Rocolo, 5th grade teachers, for an update on use of iPads in the Peake classrooms.

Mrs. Veazey presented information on the use of iPads in the classrooms, and reported that students recently completed an Ecosystem project using the iPads. Several students shared experience with the project. Mrs. Tori Rocolo spoke to the Board about a recent opportunity to use Skype for the students to speak with a class in Texas.

Financial Statements

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements. The Superintendent reported on recent receivables from the County Tax Assessor.

Consideration of Annual Staff Bonus

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Karrie Goodman, seconded by Terri King, and carried 7-0 to approve the \$150 Christmas bonus for contracted staff.

ASBA Conference Information

Mr. Whitten announced that the ASBA Conference will be December 11-13 at the Statehouse Convention Center. Six members of the Board have registered to attend the annual conference.

Consideration of December Meeting Schedule

Mr. Whitten reported that the Board has voted for the past few years not to have a meeting in December. The Superintendent stated that the update to the Facilities 6-year Master Plan is due on February 1, 2014 and suggested a work session in December to update the Facilities Plan.

Dr. Kenneth Harris made a motion to suspend the agenda meeting and regular meeting of the School Board in December and to have a work session on December 10th at 1:00 p.m. to work on the Facilities Plan. Dr. Motl seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Annual Board Evaluation

Mrs. Terri King reported on the Annual Board Evaluation process, stating that 5 members completed the evaluation forms. The Board reviewed the evaluation summary results.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Whitten asked that everyone show their support for the Badgers. The second playoff game is on November 22nd at 7 p.m. in Badger Stadium with Newport. Mr. Whitten mentioned the excellent coaching staff and the positive impact the season has had on the District and the

Arkadelphia community. Mr. Randy Turner spoke regarding the excellent halftime show by the band.

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following actions were taken:

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mrs. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

EMPLOYMENT

Tamara Jackson, Paraprofessional at Perritt Primary; 211 day contract with 126.5 days remaining – at scale.

Chassity Brown, Paraprofessional at Perritt Primary; 211 day contract with 126.5 days remaining – at scale.

MEDICAL LEAVE

Joan Crowder, Instructional Facilitator - beginning October 20, 2013.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY