

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES: OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, October 15, 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. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Ms. Terri King, 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. The Board president welcomed newly elected board member for Position #1: Dr. Casey Motl.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2013, with correction on the location of the meeting to be changed from the Administration Building to Peake Rosenwald Center. The minutes of the special meeting of October 1, 2013 were approved as presented.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD/RE-ADOPTION OF POLICY**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to elect **Dr. Jeff Root** as Board President.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to elect **Dr. Kenneth Harris** as Board Vice President.

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to elect **Ms. Terri King** as Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to elect **Mr. Donnie Whitten** as Ex Officio Financial Secretary for the District.

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to elect **Ms. Jill Hilton** as District Treasurer.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to re-adopt the Board's policies.

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

During the Report of Excellence, Ms. Sharon Kolb was presented a retirement plaque from the Arkadelphia Board of Education on the occasion of her recent retirement with twenty-six years of service to the District.

The Arkadelphia Public School Teachers of the Year for 2013 were honored both at a public reception prior to the meeting in the Central Cafeteria, and also during the "Report of Excellence". Those who received plaques of recognition were: **Khaki Forthman**, Louisa E. Perritt Primary School; **Brittney Hickman**, Central Primary School; **Lara Veazey**, Peake Elementary School; **Karen Phillips**, L.M. Goza Middle School; and **Steve Patterson**, Arkadelphia High School. **Brittney Hickman** was selected as the District Teacher of the Year.

**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced the Instructional Report which featured an update on **DIBLES**, (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Learning Skills) - an early assessment tool. Information was presented by Ms. Callie Hunley, principal at Perritt; Ms. Carrie Sharp; Instructional Facilitator; and Ms. Melinda Morris, principal at Central.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements. The Superintendent reported on recent financial changes occurring following the printed report, and reviewed the format method for the board members.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS – ASCIP APPROVAL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to approve the ASCIP (Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) as required annually by ESEA and No Child Left Behind.

### **APPROVAL OF FIXED ASSET DELETION LISTING**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve the District's Fixed Asset Deletion List for FY13.

### **ASBA CONFERENCE DELEGATE SELECTION**

Upon consensus of the Board, Dr. Kenneth Harris was selected as the Board's delegate for the 2013 assembly of the Arkansas School Board Association.

### **DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Superintendent reviewed the December board meeting schedule, and it was agreed to table a decision on possible changes until the November meeting.

### **PERSONNEL**

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

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

Parental Leave for **Laurel Cannon**, teacher at Central; approximate dates of 10-21-13 - 01-06-14.

Employment of **Marvetta Farnam**, Counselor Clerk/AHS – 211(147)day contract - effective 10-16-13.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY**