

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 24, 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, and Ms. Karrie Goodman. **Members absent:** Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present. The Board welcomed newly elected and returning board members: Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Mr. Billy Groom, and Mr. Randy Turner; and announced that the Board would hold its annual reorganizational officer election following the run-off election for Position One, currently held by Dr. Shelly Perrin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2013 and special meeting of September 3, 2013 were approved as presented.

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

During the Report of Excellence, Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the District's recipients of the 2013 Classified Employees of the Year awards from various campuses, and the District Classified Employee of the Year: Bill Bennett—At-Large, Aundra Leeper—Administration; Toma Lambert—Perritt and District Employee of the Year; Nancy Dugger—Central; Tonya Campbell—Peake; Anderson Thomas—Goza; Mary Williams—AHS.

The Board President and Superintendent presented appreciation plaques and lifetime athletic passes to Mr. Rodney Moore, retiring board member; and Ms. Malinda Arnold, retiring employee.

**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Dr. Patricia Wright, Director of Schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs, provided an overview of the various components involved, including Parents as Teachers, Primetime Program, Arkadelphia Public School Childcare at Gum Springs, Rosenwald Center Childcare, Perriitt Pre-K, and Boys and Girls Club.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**ADOPTION OF 2013-14 BUDGET**

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, reviewed the proposed district budget for 2013-14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 6-0 to approve the 2012-13 Annual Financial Report and the 2013-14 budget as proposed.

**ADOPTION OF 2013-14 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2013-14 Special Education Budget for the Board's consideration. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 6-0 to approve the Special Education 2013-14 budget as presented.

**PERSONNEL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

## **Employment**

**Michael Shane McBride**, Bus Driver – fulltime; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Janice Wells**, Cafeteria Worker (Central) 3 hrs. daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Loretta Johnson**, Cafeteria Worker (Perritt) 4 hrs. daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Freda Tate**, Cafeteria Worker (Goza); 5 ½ hrs. daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Pam Williams**, Cafeteria Worker (Goza) 5 ½ hrs. daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Gweneva Jones**, Cafeteria Worker (AHS) 5 ½ hrs. daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Toni Patterson**, Cafeteria Worker (AHS) 6 hours. Daily; 178-day contract/153 – at scale  
**Karl Sillavan**, Computer Technician; 240-day contract/170 – at scale; Starting 10-9-13

## **Termination**

**LaTasha Jones**, Cafeteria Worker; effective September 24, 2013

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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**DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY**