

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: January 21, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday January 21, 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 Ms. Terri King, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom, Mr. Randy Turner, and Ms. Karrie Goodman. **Members absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; and Dr. Casey Motl.

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 November 19, 2013, December 10, 2013, and January 7, 2014, as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, shared a proclamation from Governor Mike Beebe honoring local school board members for their outstanding contributions to the education of our students.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Melinda Morris, principal of Central Primary School, introduced students and staff from the school who presented a program showcasing activities and programs of this school year. Included in the program were a video of a classroom project on recycling, as well as many interesting slides of student activities..

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN – PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

In compliance with state requirements for public school facility planning, each district is required to publicly review its Master Plan for submission to the Division of the Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. Following the review and recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve the District's 2014 Six Year Master Plan.

ASBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REVIEW

Mr. Whitten, Ms. Goodman, and Dr. Root reviewed highlights of the 2013 Arkansas School Board Association Annual Conference, held in December.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the District's plan for providing professional development for staff, with emphasis on activities that will take place during the February PD day.

BOARD WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Mr. Whitten discussed plans for the Board's continuation of work sessions related to planning for District goals. The Board and Superintendent agreed to consider possible dates for meetings, and will continue to coordinate those times.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:55 p.m. to consider recommendations for resignations, retirement, employment, and contract renewal..

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. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve:

Resignation

Jamie Kapella, Mathematics Teacher (AHS); Effective 1-21-2014

Audrey Stigler, Paraprofessional (Goza); Effective 12-20-13.

Intent to Retire

Grace Thompson, Secretary (Central); Effective 6-30-14

Norma Todd, Paraprofessional (Peake) Effective 7-01-14

Employment

Regina Ammons, Paraprofessional (Goza); 191-day contract/87.5 – at scale; Starting 1-22-14

Reemployment of Superintendent

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to extend the Superintendent's contract by one (1) year to total three (3) years, with salary and benefits TBD.

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

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY