

## MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 15, 2006

### MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, August 15, 2006 with the following members present: Robert Crawford, Harold Smith, Leon Myers, Randy Horton, Rhonda Miller, Will Robbins and Robby Hines.

President Robert Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Leon Myers to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the July Board meetings were reviewed. Harold Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In the superintendent's report, Mr. Ponder gave the board an update on maintenance. The new bus garage pad will be finished Thursday and building construction will begin the next week.

Mr. Ponder informed the board that all schools will have their open house on Thursday evening.

Several meetings are scheduled for school board members in-service this fall. Board members must receive six hours of yearly in-service to meet standards set by the state.

Mena School District is in the early stages of building a new high school and gymnasium. Mr. Ponder informed the board that the district would apply for a partnership with the state where 52 percent of the new school would be funded by state facilities money. The board met with several architects in a previous special called meeting to discuss the future building plans. Harold Smith made a motion to accept Arnold and Associates for future building plans. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were 2 bids on the buses and school vehicles. Farm Bureau Insurance bid \$14,700.66 and Mena Insurance Agency bid \$15,977. Will Robbins made a motion to accept the bid from Farm Bureau Insurance in the amount of \$14,700.66. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Hiland Dairy was the only milk bid. Leon Myers made a motion to accept the bid from Hiland Dairy. Randy Horton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were 3 bread bids. The bids were from Sara Lee, Flowers Baking Co. and James' Super Save Foods. Robby Hines made a motion to accept the bread bid from Sara Lee. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ACA 6-15-1 requires school boards to adopt and implement the academic standards and expect outcomes that have been defined by the State Board. Harold Smith made a motion to adopt and implement the academic standards and expected outcomes that have been defined by the State Board. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Randy Horton made a motion to approve Mr. Ponder to represent Mena School District for making program applications, budgets and reports required by State and Federal Agencies. Robby Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial reports were reviewed. No action was necessary.

After reviewing the July bill list, Leon Myers made a motion that bills be paid. Harold Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board went into executive session to discuss Personnel.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Ponder recommended the Board hire Yvette May Food Service at Middle School, Teresa Giles Special Ed Aide at Louise Durham and Tima Hansard Teachers Aide at Middle School. Harold Smith made a motion to accept Mr. Ponders recommendations. Will Robbins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Crawford, President

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Harold Smith, Secretary