

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Official Minutes: September 16, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 16, 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; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Ms. Terri King, Secretary; 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 members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2014 and special meeting of September 2, 2014 were approved. Minutes of the Board workshop of September 9, 2014 were approved with correction to workshop time of adjournment.

### **REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

The following board officers were elected:

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to re-elect **Dr. Jeff Root as Board president.**

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 7-0 to re-elect **Dr. Donnie Whitten as ExOfficio Financial Secretary.**

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to re-elect **Ms. Jill Hilton as District Treasurer.**

### **READoption OF BOARD POLICY**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to re-adopt the Board policy as required at the annual reorganization of the Board.

### **REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

During the “**Report of Excellence**”, the District’s Classified Employees of the Year were honored by the Board: Early Childhood Campuses- **Lorraine Vail**; Central Primary School – **Paul Hale**; Perritt Primary School – **Nelda Bullock**; Peake Elementary School - **Ruthie Harvell**; Goza Middle School - **Sylvia Davis**; AHS - **Penny Medley**; District Administration and District Employee of the Year- **Carolyn Wood**.

### **ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION UPDATE**

The Superintendent reported that the annual school election was completed through early and absentee voting only due to the non-contested board positions filled by Dr. Jeff Root and Mr. Randy Turner.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

### **ADOPTION OF 2014-15 BUDGET**

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, presented the proposed District budget for 2014-15. Dr. Whitten reported members of the Budget Committee were: Superintendent Donnie Whitten, Ms. Terri King, Board Representative; Ms. Jill Hilton, District Treasurer; Ms. Jeanette Turner, Administrator Representative; Ms. Nikki Thomas, Principal Representative; Mr. Bud McMillion,

Teacher representative; and Ms. Glenda Williams, Classified employee representative.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to approve the proposed 2014-15 district budget as presented.

#### **ADOPTION OF 2014-15 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve the 2014-15 Special Education Budget as presented.

#### **CHANGE OF OCTOBER BOARD MEETING DATE**

The Superintendent proposed having one meeting during the month of October due to several staff and board member scheduling conflicts, and that the meeting be held at 5:00 on Thursday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m., with an electronic agenda planning document to be sent to board members two weeks prior to the meeting. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the change of meeting schedule proposal for October.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ADDITION TO TRANSPORTATION PAYSCALE**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to add the payment of \$10.00 per hour to the classified payscale for bus drivers for Day extra trips/Shop work @ \$10.00 per hour.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board president requested that Dr. Motl provide an update on the Study Circle Committee plans. Dr. Motl stated that further information would be sent to the committee members: Dr. Whitten, Dr. Harris, and Ms. Goodman.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations:

##### **Resignations**

**Alvin Newburn**, Bus Driver – effective 8/20/2014

**Mark Sanders**, Bus Driver – effective 9/5/2014

**Terry Hagood**, Bookkeeper/Secretary (AHS) – effective 12/31/2014

##### **Employment**

**Carlton Luna**, Fulltime bus driver; 167-day contract – at scale

##### **Transfer**

**Zonder Hall**, Paraprofessional (Rosenwald) to Paraprofessional (Perritt)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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**MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY**