

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: MAY 19, 2015**

SPECIAL MEETING

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Jeff Root, President; Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Gina White. **Member absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President, and Mr. Randy Turner

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present. Dr. Root stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear a financial presentation from Stephens, Inc. Mr. Jason Holsclaw provided an update for the Board.

REGULAR MEETING

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 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. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Gina White. **Member absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President, and Mr. Randy Turner.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 16 and May 5, 2015 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented recognition certificates to a large number of students and groups who recently received honors for academic and athletic accomplishments.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for April, 2015.

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REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, reported on the May 11, 2015 visit of Governor Asa Hutchinson to Arkadelphia High School. The visit was part of a state tour promoting a computer science initiative. Following a student-ambassador directed tour, the Governor concluded his visit with a presentation to AHS students regarding the importance of computer science and participation in his support for newly credited computer-coding classes.

POLICY REVISION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to grant tentative approval to revision of **Board Policy 4.5 – School Choice**.

POLICY REVISION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by

Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to grant final approval to revision of **Board Policy 8.7a – Non Certified Personnel Leave**.

UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP PROJECT FUNDING

An update on the District's partnership project funding was presented by the Superintendent.

PPC REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

Members of the PPC were present and were represented by President of the PPC, Mr. Bud McMillion, who read an official letter from the Committee to the Board. The Committee provided comments on support for a proposed millage increase, as well as the desire for salary improvements for staff.

The Board retired to executive session to consider personnel recommendations for employment and resignations at 6:50 p.m.

In open session following executive session, the following recommendations were approved

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve:

Resignation/Intent to Retire

Trudy Conzel, Kindergarten teacher; Effective end of 2014-15 year.

Employment

Jillian King, Kindergarten teacher; 191-day contract at scale for 2015-16

Benjamin Chandler, Social Studies teacher/Coach; 206-day contract at scale for 2015-16.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY