

Official Board Minutes
July 16, 2012

Agenda Item I. – Opening

A. Call to Order

On the above mention date, President Willie Oxner called a regular meeting of the Brinkley Public Schools Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present were Ken Harvey, Larry Loewer, and Jon Carroll. Also present was Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker and other member of the staff and community.

B. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

C. Approval of Proposed Agenda

A motion was made by Director Carroll to approve the agenda and seconded by Director Harvey. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

D. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

A motion was made by Director Harvey to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Director Loewer. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Agenda Item II. – Information Reports

A. Personnel Policy Committee Report

- a. No representative for the Licensed Personnel Policy Committee was present for a report.
- b. Classified Personnel Policy Committee, Regina Parker was present but had nothing to report at this time.

B. Hear Report on High School Status

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker reported the change school improvement status. The Arkansas Department of Education classified Brinkley High School as a Focus School instead of School Improvement year 6. This classification is based on the student achievement data average of 2009, 2010, and 2011. It does not include student achievement data for the 2012 school year.

C. Overview of Arkansas Department of Education Waiver

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker, reported that the Arkansas Department of Education received a waiver from the No Child Left Behind Law that requires students to be proficient by 2014. The “Waiver” provides for the state to set new goals that are ambitious and attainable; to identify schools different categories; and to measure student achievement by growth.

D. Hear Update on ALE Program

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker, updated the board on the ALE Program. In a previous meeting a representative from CAVE proposed servicing our ALE students at their facilities. After review, Dr. Arthur Tucker addressed the board that CAVE ALE Plan would not be cost efficient.

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker recommends the ALE Program remain in the District. A motion was made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director Harvey to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Agenda Item III. – Financial

**A. Hear Financial Report – Mrs. Nancy Williams, District Treasurer
Bank Reconciliation Information as of May 31, 2012**

1.	Balance now shown in Ledger	\$575,973.20
2.	Add any income show on bank statement	\$0.00
3.	Subtract any unrecorded checks	\$0.00
	Adjusted balance show on ledger	\$575,973.20
4.	Last balance shown in this month’s statement	\$939,092.38
5.	Add any income on ledger not shown on statement	\$0.00
	Sub-Total	\$0.00
6.	Subtract outstanding check(s)	\$363,119.18
	Add checks voided after month end during period	\$0.00
7.	Adjusted balance shown on statement	\$575,973.20

Bank Statement balance on ledger with a variance of \$0.00

A motion was made by Director Carroll to accept the financial report as presented and was seconded by Director Harvey. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Agenda Item IV. – Action Items

A. Consider Tuition Agreement for Monroe County Human Development Center

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker recommends the approval of the tuition agreement from the Monroe County Human Development Center to provide services for special needs students who face challenges in the regular classroom. A motion was made by Director Harvey and seconded by Director Loewer to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

B. Consider 2012-2013 Handbook Changes

A motion was made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director Loewer to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Secondary Handbook Changes

1. Page 10 - Item 1, Change to read:
"Students must be checked out by a parent or legal guardian by coming to the office and signing the student out. Parents may come before school or after school the day before the absence to sign their child out."
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Students who are absent from school for more than four periods per day of an after school practices or activities will not be allowed to participate in that practice or activity.
2. Page 19 – Semester Test Exemptions, Paragraph I;
Students may be exempt from first semester test if they meet the following criteria and score proficient or advanced on any End-of-Course test or Benchmark exam. Student may also be exempt from second semester tests by meeting the following criteria.
3. Page 22 – Alternative Course Credit
Delete last sentence
4. Page 27
Rule 3: Tardies (Change)
3rd Tardy – One (1) day ISS and conference with parent
4th Tardy – Two (2) days are ISS
5th Tardy – Sent to office with a discipline referral, ISS for five (5) days will be assigned
6th Tardy – Three (3) days out of school suspension
7th Tardy – Five (5) days out of school suspension
8th Tardy – Referral to ALE
Rule 4: Skipping Class
"After arrival on campus, a student absent from his/her assigned learning station without permission from school authorities for twenty (20) minutes or more shall be considered skipping"
Minimum: Three (3) Days ISS
Maximum: Placement in ALE
Rule 5: Leaving Campus or Designated Area Without Permission (Truancy):
"After arrival on the school campus a student shall not leave the campus or designated area without permission from school authorities." (6-18-201)
Minimum: Three (3) Days ISS & Truancy affidavit will be filed with proper authorities.
5. Page 28
Rule 8: Forgery of Passes and/or Falsification of General Information
Add to end of sentence:
Minimum – One (1) Day ISS
Rule 9: Loitering by Suspended Students:
Bold - "The student shall be charged with criminal trespassing."
Rule 10: Public Display of Affection
Add:
Minimum - One (1) Day Afterschool Detention
Maximum – Expulsion
6. Page 31
Rule 18: profanity, Verbal Abuse, Obscene Gesture:
Change
1st Offense – One (1) Day ISS
2nd Offense – Three Days ISS
3rd Offense – Five (5) Days ISS
4th Offense – Three (3) Days OSS
5th Offense – Five Days OSS
7. Page 33
Rule 25: Fighting Among Students is Unacceptable behavior
Add
1st Offense – Five (5) Days ISS
2nd Offense – Three (3) days OSS
3rd Offense – Five (5) Days OSS
4th Offense – ALE or Expulsion
8. Page 36,
Rule 30: Possession of Paging Devices or Electronic Communications Devices on School Campus
Changes:
Paragraph 4 – "Students will be allowed to use electronic devices before and after school hours, and during their lunch period. Students found to be using an electronic device during class will have the device confiscated."
Paragraph 5, Sentence I & 2 – "Refusal to relinquish possession of an electronic device constitutes insubordination which will be added to any punishment incurred by the possession of such device."

9. Page 44
Outerwear: Insert at beginning of first sentence.
“Hoodies are not allowed.”

Elementary Handbook Changes

1. Page 12: Dr. Tucker’s name was inserted as the Equity Coordinator and contact person for Title IX compliance issues.
2. Page 24: The words reward field trips was inserted. This will ensure that no child is denied an instructional field trip.
3. Page 25: Consequences were added for ten tardies per semester. The student will miss a recess after every ten tardies each semester.
4. Page 29: Under rule 20 the following statement was deleted: However, the student who initiated the fight may receive a more severe penalty.
5. Page 31: Under rule 27 and 28 the word implement was changed to instrument.
6. Page 41: Under number 3 the following statement was added: and be prepared to receive the original punishment.

C. Ratify Student Insurance

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Tucker recommends ratifying Dwight Jones Insurance as the student insurance carrier for all students. A motion was made by Director Harvey and seconded by Director Loewer to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Agenda Item V. – Executive Session – NO ACTION (7:25 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

Agenda Item VI. – Action after Execution Session

The administration recommends to accept the resignations of:

Scott Barnett – Secondary Teacher
Richard Havner – Secondary Teacher

The administration recommends the following hires contingent on ADE approval:

Norman Hill Financial – Financial Consultant
Leonard Hester- Licensed Psychological Examiner
Samuel White- Secondary Principal
Kenneth McAnally- Secondary Teacher / Coach
Ethan Baker- Secondary Teacher / Coach
Karrie Baker- Secondary Teacher
Jordan Benson- Secondary Teacher / Coach
Michael Manning- ALE Director

A motion was made by Carroll and seconded by Director Harvey to accept the recommendation was presented. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Agenda Item VI- Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Oxner and seconded by Director Harvey to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Arthur Tucker,
Superintendent of Schools

President

Secretary