

Heber Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on July 23, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Gary Redd and Al Thomas. Ronnie Fair joined the meeting via teleconference. Holly Meyer and Kevin Thomas were absent.

I. Vice-President Gary Redd called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hester requested to add Dan Lovelady to the agenda. Motion to approve agenda with addition. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

II. Vice-President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2012, regular board meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

III. Mr. Hester presented the financial report for approval. A discussion followed. Motion to approve financial report. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

IIIA. First Security Beardsley Public Finance. Dan Lovelady presented the documents that will allow the district to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as financial advisor for the next three years. It was noted that this service is at no cost to the district.

IV. School/Business Reports:

- Mr. Hester presented the student handbooks for the second reading. He stated that the handbooks will also be available on the schools website.
- Mr. Hester presented two bids for the district's building insurance coverage.
- Mr. Hester presented information on out-sourcing substitute teachers to a private company. He explained how the service works and the associated costs. A discussion followed. The subject will be revisited at a later board meeting.
- Mr. Hester presented the milk and bread bids. He stated that only one bid for each service was submitted.
- Future fine art's building was discussed. The board directed Mr. Hester to proceed with the RFQ process.
- Mr. Hester presented the resignations/new hires.
- Mr. Hester presented the student transfer requests.

V. Executive Session: The board went into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:22 p.m.

Motion to go into executive session: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motion to rejoin regular session at 6:40 p.m.: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motions passed.

VI. Board Action

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the 12-13 student handbooks as presented.

Motion to approve handbooks: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the bid from ASBA for the district's building insurance coverage.

Motion to accept bid: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Financial Advisor for the period of three (3) years.

Motion to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Financial Advisor for the period of three (3) years: Al Thomas
Second: Ronnie Fair
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the bids from Wonder Bread for bread and the bid from Kallsnick for the milk.

Motion to accept milk and bread bids: Al Thomas
Second: Ronnie Fair
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire the following:

Duane Johnson – bus #29 route (morning & afternoon)
Steven Rainwater – bus #6 route (morning & afternoon)
Norman Blanchard – ASU & Alt. Ed. route

Motion to hire: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the resignation of Doug Patchell- elementary teacher and permission to fill the vacated position.

Motion to accept resignation and fill position: Al Thomas

Second: Ronnie Fair

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the student transfer request from Christy Fowler from Concord.

Motion to accept transfer: Ronnie Fair

Second: Al Thomas

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire Bahar Pruitt – middle school math/language teacher

Motion to hire: Ronnie Fair

Second: Al Thomas

Opposed: Gary Redd

Motion passed.

VII. With no further business, Vice-President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Ronnie Fair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the July 23, 2012, regular meeting are approved.

Mr. Ronnie Fair, President

Mrs. Holly Meyer, Secretary

Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent

