

Heber Springs School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes

**The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on March 11, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.** Members present were Gary Redd, Kevin Thomas, Holly Meyer, and Al Thomas. Rick Garner was absent.

**I. President Gary Redd called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.** Mr. Hester requested to add a disclosure and student transfer request to the agenda. Motion to approve agenda with additions. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

**II. President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2013, regular board meeting.** Motion to approve the minutes. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

**III. Mr. Hester presented the financial report for approval.** A discussion followed. Motion to approve the financial report: Kevin Thomas  
Second: Al Thomas  
Motion passed.

It is noted that Rick Garner joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

**IV. School/Business Reports:**

- Repair of the middle school roof was discussed.
- Mr. Hester reported that the district has used board member Rick Garner's business, Red River Music and aide\bus driver Dennis Powell's t-shirt printing business in the past. He stated that the district would not have to fill out a disclosure unless \$5,000 was paid out to the business.
- Holly Meyer inquired if the therapy services are bid out each year. Mr. Hester stated that Jon Rainbolt handles the therapy services. He would report back to the board with an answer next month.
- Mr. Hester presented the 2013-2014-school calendar for approval.
- Mr. Johnson reported that a job fair would be held on Thursday March 14, 2013, in the new gym from 10:30-12:30. He stated that the fair would be open to all juniors and seniors looking for summer employment. He congratulated the band for their eighth straight sweepstakes win.
- Mr. Mueller reported that the annual book fair sold \$23,238.54 books. He added that \$10,744.62 worth of books goes to the teachers. He stated that Julian Wood does a great job with the book fair. He thanked the following business for sponsorship: Wal Mart, Centennial Bank, and Tannenbaum Properties. He also thanked Mr. Hester for the additional police presence in the elementary school. He stated that he has received many positive comments from parents, teachers, and students.
- Mr. Mueller reported on the technology curriculum for the elementary school. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Hester presented the bids for the track-resurfacing project.
- Mr. Hester presented the certified staff for rehire per list.
- Mr. Hester presented new hires for approval.
- Mr. Hester presented resignations/retirements for approval.
- Mr. Hester presented the student transfer request.

**V. Executive Session.** The board did not go into executive session.

**VI. Board Action:**

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to continue to use Red River Music and Dennis Powell's printing business as needed not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion to use business as needed: Al Thomas

Second: Kevin Thomas

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the 2013-2014-school calendar as presented.

Motion to approve calendar: Al Thomas

Second: Kevin Thomas

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to purchase technology for the elementary school.  
Motion to purchase the technology (chrome books/personal devices) and infrastructure needed to meet common core state standards in grades 3-5 up to \$100,000: Holly Meyer  
Second: Kevin Thomas  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the bid of \$200,000 from Beynon Sports for the track re-surface project.  
Motion to accept bid: Al Thomas  
Second: Kevin Thomas  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to rehire the certified staff per list.  
Motion to hire certified staff per list: Holly Meyer  
Second: Kevin Thomas  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire Rita Watkins as Middle School Principal.  
Motion to hire: Al Thomas  
Second: Holly Meyer  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire Roxanne Riddle as Assistant Elementary Principal.  
Motion to hire: Al Thomas  
Second: Kevin Thomas  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the following retirement/resignation requests:  
Leonette Henley – retirement  
Patricia Lacy – retirement  
Janet Willis – retirement  
Anne Haile – retirement  
Brenda Landrum – resignation  
Jeff Everett – resignation (effective immediately)  
Motion to accept retirement/resignations: Holly Meyer  
Second: Al Thomas  
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the student transfer request of Samuel Philips to Clinton.  
Motion to approve transfer: Kevin Thomas  
Second: Holly Meyer  
Motion passed.

President Gary Redd congratulated Coach Riddle and the girls basketball team for a great season.

**VII. With no further business, President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.**  
Al Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Holly Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the March 11, 2013, regular meeting are approved.

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Mr. Gary Redd, President

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Mr. Kevin Thomas, Secretary

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Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent

