

Heber Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on May 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. All members were present.

I. President Gary Redd called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

II. President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2013, regular board meeting and the April 29, 2013, special 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: Holly Meyer
Second: Kevin Thomas
Motion passed.

IV. Proposed Budget for 14-15/Millage Proposal: Mr. Dan Lovelady from Beardsley Financial presented data for the millage proposal. A discussion followed. Item tabled until special board meeting to be held on May 29, 2013.

V. School/Business Reports:

- Mr. Johnston announced that Gaye Rawls had been selected district Teacher of the Year. He reported that the high school had been named in the top ten Arkansas high schools by US News & World report. He congratulated the boy's track team for winning their 2nd Triple Crown and recognized Andrew Powell a National Merit Scholar.
- Mr. Johnston gave the board information on how GPA's are figured for review. A discussion followed. A decision will be made at the June board meeting.
- Mr. Hester reported on the contract options with the architects.
- Mr. Hester presented meal price increases for 2013-2014.
- Substitute teacher vendor discussion tabled until next board meeting.
- Mr. Hester presented options for remodeling the high school library.
- Mr. Hester reported that the Skills USA team won the state championship and has requested to go to Kansas City for national competition.
- Mr. Hester presented resignations for approval.
- Mr. Hester presented new hires for approval.

VI. Executive Session. The board did not go into executive session.

VII. Board Action:

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to sign the contract with the architect for 6½%.
Motion to sign contract: Al Thomas
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to increase breakfast prices by ten cents and lunch prices by five cents.
Motion to increase price: Rick Gardner
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to allow the Skills USA team to travel to Kansas City to compete in nationals.
Motion to approve travel request: Holly Meyer
Second: Rick Gardner
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the following resignations:

Elise Rasbach - speech

Janet Cresswell – elementary special education teacher

Christy English – middle school special education teacher

Mark Brigrance – football coach/high school teacher

Brittany Williams Hollyfield – middle school teacher

Motion to accept resignations: Holly Meyer

Second: Rick Gardner

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire the following new hires:

Rachel Nations – elementary counselor

Caleb Shock – football coach/high school teacher

April Grace – middle school teacher

Carrie Screeton – elementary special education teacher

Motion to hire: Holly Meyer

Second: Rick Gardner

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to move Laura Mitchum from elementary aide to elementary secretary. Reduce Brandy Farmers contract days from 225-205 and move Barbara Engler from part-time to full-time aide.

Motion to approve changes: Holly Meyer

Second: Rick Gardner

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to decrease Rhonda Langster's contract by five days and add five days to Rachelle Evans.

Recommendation died for lack of motion.

Mr. Hester reminded the board of the special board meeting, to be held on May 29, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the millage increase.

It is noted that Al Thomas and Kevin Thomas exited the meeting early.

VIII. With no further business, President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Gardner made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Holly Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2013, regular meeting are approved.

Mr. Gary Redd, President

Mr. Kevin Thomas, Secretary

Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent

