

# **NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Office of the Superintendent**

### **REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **MINUTES**

**March 20, 2014**

The North Little Rock School District Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Building of the North Little Rock School District, 2700 Poplar Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Board President J.T. Zakrzewski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Member Darrell Montgomery gave the invocation and led the flag salute.

Board Member Ron Treat read the Mission and Vision Statement of the North Little Rock School District.

#### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

##### **Present**

J.T. Zakrzewski, President

Scott A. Miller, Vice President

Ron Treat, Secretary

Darrell Montgomery, Disbursing Officer

Dorothy Williams, Parliamentarian

Luke King, Member

Scott Teague, Member

##### **Absent**

None

##### **Others Present**

Mr. Kelly Rodgers, Superintendent; Dr. Beth Stewart, Assistant Superintendent; Denise Drennan, Chief Financial Officer; Gregg Thompson, Executive Director of Human Resources; Micheal Stone, Executive Director of Student & Equity Services; Rosie Coleman, Executive Director of Elementary Education; Susan Shurley, Executive Director for Special Services; Greg Daniels, Administrative Director of Information Services and additional staff members and Darlene Holmes, Superintendent's secretary, were also present. NLR CAT-TV (video) and Brian Drause (audio) recorded the meeting.

#### **RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE/EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

Shara Brazear, Communications Director, presented the new members of the Superintendent's Honor Roll: Mark Lay and John Jenkins from Bank of Ozarks for all their work with our District and Jody Edrington, Early Childhood Coordinator for her continued work with our preschoolers. Luke King and Dorothy Williams presented them with plaques. The North Little Rock High School Charging Wildcat Boys Basketball team with their coaches were presented to the Board and audience in recognition of their accomplishment of winning "back-to-back" 7A State Basketball Championship. Plaques were presented to all by Board President J.T. Zakrzewski.

## DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to accept the February 20, 2014 (Regular), and February 27, 2014 (Special) and March 10, 2014 (Special) minutes as printed. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

## NEW BUSINESS

### Licensed Personnel Policy Committee

Anita Bell, LPPC member, stated their committee presented their report. The 2014-2015 School Year Calendar was approved with the exception of possibly adding Inclement Weather to two days – January 19, 2015 and February 16, 2015 in case it is needed to make-up bad weather days. Ms. Bell also stated the new Deputy Superintendent Salary Schedule failed with a tie vote.

### Classified Personnel Policy Committee

David O'Dell, CPPC Chairman, presented their report and stated the calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year was passed as presented. Mr. O'Dell stated the two policies would be brought next month for the Board's approval.

### Amend the Agenda

#### MOTION

Scott Miller moved to amend the agenda to add a Project Price Proposal from Baldwin Shell to the New Business portion. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### Updated Application for Permit to Issue Construction Bonds

Scott Beardsley of Beardsley Finance explained it was time to update the application for Permit to Issue Bonds for \$65,465,000 with the State Department of Education.

#### MOTION

Darrell Montgomery moved to submit an updated "Application for a permit to issue bonds," with related documents, for \$65,465,000 in construction bonds to the State Department and to update Fiscal Agent Agreement with First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### Application for Permit to Issue Construction Bonds

Mr. Beardsley explained that new application for \$25,000,000 needed approval for submission to the Arkansas Department of Education.

#### MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for \$25,000,000 in Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the

Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Employ First Security Beardsley Finance as Financial Advisor

Mr. Beardsley explained it was time to renew the employment agreement for his firm to continue as the district's financial advisor.

MOTION

Scott Miller moved to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Financial Advisor for a period of three (3) years effective as of this date. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

Gregg Thompson, Director of Human Resources, presented the calendar. Mr. Thompson stated he agreed that one of the days as suggested by the Licensed Personnel Policies Committee could be designated as an "Inclement Weather Day" if needed. He suggested that it be Monday, February 16, 2015 which is a parent conference day and then conferences would be handled at a different time. However, he stated he did not recommend designating Monday, January 19, 2015 as that day is for Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Holiday.

MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to accept the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar as presented with adding February 16, 2015 as an inclement weather if needed. Scott Miller seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Adoption of Deputy Superintendent Salary Schedule

Mr. Thompson explained that the Board needed to finalize the adoption of the new Deputy Superintendent Salary Schedule.

MOTION

Scott Teague moved to accept the new Deputy Superintendent Salary Schedule as presented and printed in the agenda. Luke King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Zakrzewski – Yes

Miller – Yes

Treat – Yes

Montgomery – No

Williams – No

King – Yes

Teague – Yes

The motion passed 5-2.

Legal Transfer List from Pulaski County Special School District for 2014 – 2015 School Year  
Micheal Stone, Director of Student Services, explained the list is the students that were drawn and three siblings which is a total of 33 for the 2014-2015 school year.

MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to accept the legal transfers from Pulaski County Special School District for 2014-2015 School Year as presented. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Change Order for NLRHS Construction

Gene Hawk, Facility Consultant, presented the change order for \$123,982.00 for rock excavation.

MOTION

Scott Miller moved to accept change order # 012 from Baldwin & Shell Construction as presented. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Project Price Proposal- NLRHS

Mr. Hawk also presented the Project Price Proposal for the Areas G and J Structural Excavation at North Little Rock High in the scope of \$262,159.00.

MOTION

Darrell Montgomery moved to accept the Project Price Proposal for Areas G and J Structural Excavation at the North Little Rock High School as presented. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Rodgers recommended the Board accept the financial, personnel, bid items, and regular bills on pages O-1 through T-16.

MOTION

Scott Miller moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

The Board went into an executive hearing at 6:35 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Gene Hawk, Facility Consultant, updated the Board on the Capital Improvement Plan with the change orders, minority participation report, soft costs and projected cost as printed in the agenda.

### ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Miller seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None

President Zakrzewski declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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J.T. Zakrzewski, President

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Darlene Holmes, Recording Secretary