

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Will Robbins, Kyle Cannon, Edd Puckett, Judith Roberson, Robert Hines, Clint Montgomery, and Brian Kesterson.

Members absent: None

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Public meeting date set for Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Facilities at 5:00 p.m., Report To The Public at 6:00 p.m., with regular monthly board meeting following.

Mr. Weston informed the Board of two Board training dates. Thursday, October 22, 2015 and Thursday, November 12, 2015; both trainings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. Subscript 6-15-202 (f & h) Mr. Weston explained the Revised Statement of Assurance due by October 15, 2015 and asked for Board approval. Robert Hines made a motion to approve the assurance statements. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston presented the 2015-2016 Budgets, which included Regular, Federal, and Special Education. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Regular, Federal, and Special Education Budgets. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Judith Roberson made a motion to give an equal distribution, one time employee bonus, in the approximate gross amount of \$650.00 plus benefits. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. Mr. Weston stated the net pay will vary according to the tax bracket the employee falls in.

Mr. Weston stated there was no need to discuss the absentee Policy however, the day of board meeting, Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, received notification from ASBA of a new ACSIP policy regarding school improvement teams. Ms. Smith presented the new 5.4 school board policy. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the new ASBA 5.4 school improvement teams policy as part of school board policy. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to establish a rate of \$9.50 per hour for DHS grant in regard to the Flash Cats program. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jeanne Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented ACT scores from August 26, 2015. The scores represented the average ACT scores for the past 5 years.

Mr. Weston explained the need for two change orders on concrete work mandated to include handicap ramp and steps to the new visitor bleachers. The additional concrete for the ramp to join the step with a 2% grade and turn back is at a cost of \$6,200. Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the change order for \$6,200 from Cossatot Builders, Inc. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. The second change order concerned the landing pad that allows access to the track. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to approve the landing pad change order for \$2,700 from Cossatot Builders, Inc. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston gave a list of athletic passes that are accepted at events. After discussion, the Board asked the athletic committee to contact other schools if they sell season passes. No action was taken.

Mr. Weston presented Board Member, Kyle Cannon and employee Jimma Holder Disclosure Statements.

After full disclosure and discussion, Judith Roberson made a motion to recommend and adopt a resolution allowing Kyle Cannon's brother, Mark Cannon to continue working as a Polk County Sheriff's Deputy in the Mena High School AE program as long as he is employed through the Polk County Sheriff's Department. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

After full disclosure and discussion of Jimma Holder's statement, Judith Roberson made a motion to recommend and adopt a resolution allowing the use Jimma Holder's son-in-law, Paul George, of Paul George Screen Prints for t-shirts and other school products. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Judith Roberson made a motion to pay the bills. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston recommended the following resignation:

Rhonda Cochran – Paraprofessional – Louise Durham Elementary – effective 9/29/2015

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's resignation recommendation. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

ADDED: Mr. Weston reported Judith Roberson ran for re-election to the Board with no opposition and no one filed for Edd Puckett's position. Robert Hines made a motion to appoint Edd Puckett to the Board for a term of one year and Edd would need to run for re-election in September 2016. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0. Edd Puckett did not vote.

Restructure of Board:

Kyle Cannon nominated Robert Hines for President, Judith Roberson made a motion nominations cease. Clint Montgomery seconded Kyle Cannon for President and nomination carried 6-0. Robert Hines did not vote.

Clint Montgomery nominated Edd Puckett for Vice President, Judith Roberson made a motion nominations cease. Robert Hines seconded Edd Puckett for Vice President and nomination carried 6-0. Edd Puckett did not vote.

Edd Puckett nominated Brian Kesterson for Secretary, Judith Roberson made a motion nominations cease. Judith Roberson seconded Brian Kesterson for Secretary and nomination carried 6-0. Brian Kesterson did not vote.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved for adjournment, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Robbins, President

Kyle Cannon, Secretary