

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2016**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

**Members Present:** Dr. Jeff Root, President; Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom, Dr. Casey Motl, and Mr. Randy Turner. Member absent: Ms. Gina White. The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 17; and special meeting of April 5, 2016 were approved with correction to the April 5 minutes regarding board members in attendance.

**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on the ACT Aspire test.

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced AHS students who were recognized for honors in extracurricular activities.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for March, 2016.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE PROPOSAL**

Upon the recommendation of the Classified PPC and the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the proposed Classified staff salary increase of approximately 9.6 percent.

**CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Upon the recommendation of the Supt; a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the Special Education 2016-17 budget as presented.

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

Dr. Whitten reported that the construction bidding process would begin in late fall, with construction beginning in February, 2017. Items being considered include finalizing square footage prior to budgetary planning.

**CONSIDERATION OF BID APPROVAL FOR IPADS AND CART (PERRITT)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 6-0 to accept the bid of Apple (Single source provider) @ \$16,445.47 through the TIPPS/TAPPS program, state vendor @ \$16,445.47 for purchase of iPads and iPad cart for Perritt Primary School.

**Policy Review: 8.32a – Insurance – Bus Drivers (Deletion)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to approve deletion of Board **Policy 8.32a-Insurance – Bus Drivers**.

**CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

The Superintendent reported on the Social Studies textbook adoption process conducted by Dr. Jeanette Turner, and assisted by a committee member composed of teachers, parents, principals, and administrative staff members. Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to approve the adoption of the following Social Studies textbooks for K-12:

**Perritt Primary School, Central Primary School, and Peake Elementary School:**  
Social Studies Networks Program by McGraw-Hill.

**Goza Middle School:** Programs by McGraw-Hill and Gibbs Smith Education  
**Arkadelphia High School:** Programs by Wadsworth Cengage Learning, Pearson, Holt McDougal, McGraw-Hill and McGraw-Hill Glencoe.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board received a report on the NSBA annual conference that was held in Boston, April 11-14 and was attended by Dr. Whitten, Dr. Harris and Dr. Root.

**PERSONNEL**

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 6-0 to approve re-employment of the classified staff members recommended on the attached list.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**