

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES: JUNE 21, 2016

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, June 21, 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. Randy Turner, and Mr. Casey Motl. Members absent: Mr. Billy Groom, and Ms. Gina White. The President called the meeting to, and established a quorum with five (5) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2016; and special meeting of May 31, 2016 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

→**Ms. White joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.**

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The Superintendent updated the Board on various developments regarding the building project:

1. On June 22, 2016, there will be a visit by a representative of the construction management firm to consider plans for placing a portable building to be used for instruction purposes on the High School campus during the construction project.
2. A meeting with the architectural firm is planned for July 13.
3. Plans are progressing as originally planned, including vacating Building Two on the Peake campus.
4. The transition on Peake campus will begin in November and December, with building construction tentatively scheduled to begin in February.
5. Funding for the elementary school project was approved by the state on May 25; the District has signed and returned the acceptance document.
6. The Board and Superintendent discussed having a board workshop with the architectural firm in early August or late July in order to receive an update on the project progress.

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES/RESOLUTION: 2017-18

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 6-0 to approve the proposed budget of expenditures for 2017-18.

SCHOOL ELECTION TIMELINE/INFORMATION

The Superintendent provided the official state calendar of dates pertaining to the annual School Board election process. The date for the annual election is Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR 2016-17

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to approve the current school board personnel policy for 2016-17.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR 2016-17

Proposed Student Handbook revisions for K-5 schools were presented by Ms. Callie Hunley, principal; L.M. Goza Middle School handbook revisions were presented by Ms. Angela Garner, principal; and AHS handbook revisions were presented by Mr. David Maxwell, principal.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the proposed handbook revisions as presented by the principals for 2016-17.

BUS SALE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to approve the sale of one (1) 1999 Genesis 78-passenger bus.

CONSIDERATION OF JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to cancel the July board meetings, with the option of calling meetings if necessary.

PERSONNEL

A motion to retire to executive session to consider personnel recommendations for resignation, employment, transfer, reassignment, and leave of absence was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 at 7:18 p.m.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by In open session following executive session, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the following:

Resignation

Carla Narlesky, Assistant principal (AHS): effective 06/30/2016

Kayla Hamlin, Childcare employee(Childcare Center); effective 05/26/2016

Jennifer Fielding, Primary teacher (Central); effective 06/20/2016

Employment

Debbie Rook, Primary teacher(Central – 3rd Grade) 191-day contract – at scale

Yumika Kingdom, Elementary teacher (Peake -4th Grade) 191-day contract – at scale

Gwendolyn Litzey, Assistant principal (AHS) 240-day contract – at scale

Jordan Phillips, Chemistry/Science teacher (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Sara Hart, Special Ed teacher (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Terah Rash, Physical Science teacher (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Terri Frost, Instructional Facilitator (AHS) 191-day contract – at scale

Lakesha Perry, School Nurse 196-day contract – at scale

Sandra Leguin, Childcare employee (Childcare Center) 260-day contract – at scale

Amanda Nelson, childcare employee (Childcare Center) 260-day contract – at scale

Morgan Reeves, Building Secretary I (Central) 240-day contract – at scale

Transfer

Laurel Cannon, Primary teacher (Central) to Elementary ALE teacher

Reassignment

Cindy Geirth, Pre-K teacher (Perritt) to Kindergarten teacher

Medical Leave of Absence

Angela Middleton, (Special Ed. Secretary) Dates of June 13, 2016 to July 22, 2016

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

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY