

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES: MAY 17, 2016

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and 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 Ms. Gina White. Members absent: Mr. Billy Groom, and Dr. Casey Motl.. The President called the meeting to order in the Central Auditorium, and established a quorum with five (5) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2016; and special meeting of May 3, 2016 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Nancy Mortensen, Gifted/Talented Coordinator, provided a recognition presentation honoring numerous students and teams who have achieved honors on regional and state level competitions, tournaments, and contests. Following the ceremony, the Board recessed to the Boardroom to continue the meeting.

AGENDA REVISION

Upon the request from the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to amend the agenda by adding **Item #6B-8 - Elementary ALE Proposal**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for April, 2016. The Superintendent reported that the District is waiting on the state facility funding response, May 20th for additional funding for the second construction project.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE UPDATE

Dr. Whitten provided a report to the Board on the plan submitted by Ms. Nikki Thomas, principal of Peake Elementary School, addressing the 2016-18 Demolition/Construction/Transition, 18-month process. The plan addresses the moving process, classroom configuration, food service, storage, technology, safety, and timing.

The transition for students and staff will involve moving to Peake Building 2 on Caddo Street, empty classrooms in the Peake Rosenwald Pre-K3 building, Peake Saferoom, and an estimated number of four portable buildings.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to continue with the plan as presented, it was the consensus of the Board to move ahead with the planning process, and to include involvement and input of patrons.

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS/MARKETING TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Upon the recommendation of the Administration and the textbook adoption committees, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the following Business/Marketing textbook adoption series:

Goza Middle School: Technology - B.E.Publishing

AHS: Accounting - Glencoe McGraw Hill; Banking Operations - South Western Cengage and Goodheart –Willcox; Banking and Finance – Goodheart-Willcox; Computer Applications – Cengage; Techno9logy & Design – Goodheart-Willcox; Marketing – McGraw-Hill; Marketing Management – McGraw-Hill; Sports & Entertainment Marketing – Cengage Learning.

Committees for the textbook adoption consisted of teachers, parents, business representatives, educational cooperative staff, and central office staff as listed:

Jeanette Turner, David Gustaveson, Stephany Quintero, Denzell Jackson, Mary Morgan, Dana Tuggle, Virginia Anderson, Elizabeth Nix, April Shepherd, Kameron Hall, Madison Morris, Tywana Allen, Clair

Mays, Lakesha Berry, Chris Emerson, Fateemah Faiq, Tonia Jenkins, Ashley Wesley, Mark Overturf, Colby Bagwell, Jared Garner, Vanilla Hannah.

CONSIDERATION OF BUS BIDS

The Superintendent presented bids received for purchase of one 2017 77-passenger conventional bus, and one 2017 69-passenger wheel chair bus:

Summit Bus Sales (IC Bus) 77-passenger conventional: \$90,468.00, 69-passenger wheel chair bus: \$94,968.00; **Midwest Bus Sales** (Thomas Bus) 77-passenger conventional bus: \$96,705.00; 69-passenger wheel chair bus: \$102,072.00; Central State Bus Sales(Blue Bird Bus) 77-passenger conventional bus: \$101,150.00; 69-Passenger wheel chair bus: \$108,150.00

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid of Midwest Bus Sales for the purchase of one (1) 77-passenger conventional bus @\$96,705.00; and one (1)69-passenger Wheel chair bus@\$102,072.00

ACCEPTANCE OF FY15 AUDIT REPORT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to accept the FY15 district audit report as presented.

SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

Dr. Whitten reported on the status of various district summer programs available to district students. These included the continuation of the secondary credit-recovery program and Boys and Girls Club The four-year old ABC and summer feeding programs will not be funded this year.

CONSIDERATION OF JUNE MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 5-0 to revise the June meeting schedule by changing the agenda meeting to May 31, due to a conflict with the regular first Tuesday June meeting time.

ELEMENTARY ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROPOSAL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve and expand the District's Alternative Learning Environment Program to include grades 6-12. Information regarding the budget and additional positions for one certified grade 2-5 teacher and one paraprofessional for the program was presented to the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Whitten announced the 2016 AHS Graduation Ceremony for Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the HYPER Building on the campus of Henderson State University. The Board was also invited to attend the annual Arkadelphia Promise Signing ceremony at the High School gymnasium at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve the following:

PARENTAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leah Clark, elementary teacher (Peake) for the period of September 20, 2016 – January 4, 2017.

RESIGNATION

Autumn Mortenson, Primary teacher (Central); effective the end of the 2016-17 contract.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY