

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2009

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Monday night, April 20, 2009 with the following members present: Robby Hines, Randy Horton, Robert Crawford, Edd Puckett, Kyle Cannon, Will Robbins and Clint Montgomery.

The Board went into executive session at 6:00 to discuss personnel.

Upon returning to regular session, President Robby Hines called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the March and special called meetings in March were reviewed. Randy Horton made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Robert Crawford seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent's report Dr. Gathright reported the following:

-LMS is continuing their work at MMS. They moved teachers to Hatfield and Dallas Avenue, they moved tech to the warehouse, and they are finishing the interior of the building.

-Gifts have come in from all over the state. They range from gift cards to notebook paper and pencils to desks. Many of the schools have sent their technology directors to assist our staff in connecting Hatfield, getting the bell system going, and working on all the details associated with operating a school. Others have sent maintenance directors to help with the electrical and plumbing. The Ace warehouse is progressing nicely with the aid of the students from Waldron.

-Our staff has pitched in to assist MMS. They have been great.

-Hatfield buildings are adequate for 7th and 8th grades. Some of the classrooms are small but are serviceable for the time being.

-Dallas Avenue Baptist Church has been very generous in working with our sixth grade. The teachers there are doing well.

-The other schools are moving forward with their programs of study, the athletic events, band concerts, club competitions and preparation for graduation.

-Meetings continue with the insurance company representatives and to prepare for FEMA's arrival.

-Ronnie Duckett and Gene Hawk have done an outstanding job of getting our system working smoothly.

Paulette Crawford gave the Board an MEA update.

Photo bid were given to Connie Davis, high school principal and Pat Flannigan, year book sponsor to look over and bring their recommendation back to the Board.

Cooperative Food Purchase through DeQueen-Mena Coop was discussed. Robert Crawford made a motion to purchase food through the DeQueen-Mena Coop for one year. Randy Horton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Contract with LMS was discussed. Randy Horton made a motion to approve the contract with LMS. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rental of Medley Warehouse was discussed to house our Technology personnel. Edd Puckett made a motion to rent Medley Warehouse for \$1,000 a month for two years. Robert Crawford seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Purchase of a backhoe was discussed. Randy Horton made a motion to purchase a backhoe from Duke Ward in the amount of \$17,000. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Connie Davis, high school principal and Pat Flannigan, year book sponsor recommended Shelley's Photography receive the photo bid for the year 2009-2010. Randy Horton made a motion to award the photo bid to Shelley's Photography. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial reports were reviewed. No action was necessary.

After reviewing the March bill list, Randy Horton made a motion that bills be paid. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Gathright recommended accepting the resignations of Tammy Irons, Gifted & Talented, Lee Smith CO & Agri for the 09/10 school year, Paul Arceneaux, bus driver and Terri Clark, custodian at Holly Harshman. Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Dr. Gathright's recommendations. Randy Horton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Gathright recommended transferring Danny Minton from bus driver to Maintenance Tech @ \$12.50 per hour effective 07/01/2009. Robert Crawford made a motion to give Danny Minton \$13.50 per hour instead of \$12.50 per hour. The motion died for lack of a second. Edd Puckett made a motion to accept Dr. Gathright's recommendation and hire Danny Minton as Maintenance Tech @ \$12.50 per hour effective 07/01/2009. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Gathright recommended hiring Freda Moore as GT Coordination, Linda Shelley Special Education at Holly Harshman, Bridgett Liles as Community Health Coordinator on a two year grant and renew the classified contracts as listed. Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Dr. Gathright's recommendations. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With no further business, Robert Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Will Robbins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robby Hines President

Will Robbins, Secretary