

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2013

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, April 16, 2013 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; Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary; Ms. Terri King, Mr. Rodney Moore, and Ms. Karrie Goodman.

Member absent: Mr. Billy Groom.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with (6) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2013 and special meeting of April 2, 2013 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Student Recognition featured students and teams from each school who recently received awards for achievements in county, regional, district, and state academic competitions, as well as selection for attendance to the Arkansas Governor's School.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum, presented an update on the District's spring testing schedules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption Consideration of Policy for Home School/Extracurricular Participation

The Superintendent reported that a recent law approved in the legislative session for the Home School/Extracurricular Participation will be the model used by the District for policy adoption. It was the consensus of the Board to withdraw the tentatively approved policy presented at the March regular board meeting, with presentation of the new proposal at the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Statements

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements.

Acceptance of FY2012 Final Audit Report

Mr. Whitten reviewed the findings of the audit report for FY2012. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 6-0 to accept the final audit report.

Legislative Session Review

A review of recent legislative action was presented by the Superintendent. Mr. Whitten provided information regarding the School Choice Law that passed.

Discussion of Mental Health /Counseling Services

Mr. Whitten reported that the District currently works with six different agencies for mental health counseling services in the District. The number of personnel involved often results in a great deal of turnover in personnel working with the students. Mr. Whitten stated that the Administration would like to consider implementing a bidding method for different agencies in order to develop one agency to work for the District. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the proposal.

Evaluation Instrument

Dr. Root explained that the Board is considering developing a board sub-committee to review/revise the superintendent evaluation instrument. Board members who agreed to serve on the committee are: Dr. Kenneth Harris, Mr. Rodney Moore, and Ms. Carrie Goodman, with ex-officio member Dr. Jeff Root. Mr. Moore will serve as chairman of the sub-committee.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR ONLINE MATH/LITERACY LICENSES FOR K-12

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to approve the one source bid of Edmentum @\$33,4500 for purchase of online supplemental math and literacy licenses for K-12 students; funding through Title VI.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 6:55 p.m. to consider personnel recommendations for employment, resignations, reassignment, and transfer.

In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent -

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 6-0 to approve:

Resignations:

Steven Rogers, Bus driver; effective 4-25-13

Davida Williams, Child Care Para; effective 4-05-13

Employment

Marcia Rogers, Secondary Spanish teacher; 191-day contract – at scale (2013-14)

Misha Parker, Elementary music teacher; 191-day contract – at scale (2013-14)

Re-Employment

Classified Personnel, as attached, for 2013-14

Re-Assignment

Nikki Hannah from Special Ed teacher at Peake to Special Ed teacher at AHS

Transfer

Vicki Nutt from Special Ed teacher at Goza to Middle School teacher at Goza.

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

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY

