

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: February 19, 2013

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 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; Mr. Billy Groom, Mr. Rodney Moore, and Ms. Karrie Goodman.

Member absent: Ms. Terri King.

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 January 15, 2013 and special meeting of February 5, 2013 were approved.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum, presented recognition to recent Cone Foundation grant recipients.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Turner provided an overview on TESS (Teacher Evaluation Support System), the new system for evaluation that is to be implemented as a result of guidelines developed through Act 1209 of 2011 for providing evaluation consistency in school districts across the state. The process is intended to provide an integrated system that links evaluation procedures with curricular standards, professional learning activities, targeted support, and human capital decision. Plans are for training to be completed by May 31, 2013, with the timeline to be : 2013-14 – statewide pilot year; 2014-15 - first full year of implementation; 2017 - data will be determined by summative ratings.

→ **Ms. King joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION OF MARCH REGULAR MEETING DATE

Due to spring break falling on the third Tuesday, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent to hold the March regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The motion for the recommendation was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

The Superintendent presented information on various proposed educational bills currently being considered by the Arkansas legislature.

DANFOSS/AHS PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Dean, Manager of DanFoss Manufacturing Plant of Arkadelphia, presented information on the Plant's focus of creating opportunities for growth within the community through support of the STEM program in the public school system.

Mr. Dean explained that the goal of the program partnership of AHS and Danfoss (AHSD) is to facilitate the professional development of science, technology, engineering, and math students by providing those students with guidance, counsel, project participation, and networking opportunities.

AHS New Tech engineering teachers, Mr. Bud McMillion and Mr. James Williams, presented examples of student projects and planning for the Arkadelphia NEW TECH program in relation to the Danfoss proposal. Students from the class related the techniques they used to design aspects of the project for Danfoss, while school board members also communicated with

students about their reaction to the STEM program.

Mr. Whitten expressed appreciation to the Danfoss personnel, teachers, students, and parents for their participation in the presentation.

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

The Superintendent welcomed Sheriff Jason Watson for a presentation of information regarding the partnership of the school district and local law enforcement in developing active plans for school safety on all campuses.

Sheriff Watson gave details of the training that has been completed on campuses with students and staff members, as well as future scheduled events. Discussion took place regarding the Board's desire to add additional SRO personnel for the campuses in addition to the two officers currently serving.

ATHLETIC REPORT ON CONCUSSION TRAINING

Mr. Chris Babb, Athletic Director for APSD, provided information on baseline concussion athletic training for use in testing the students involved in athletic programs of the district.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Whitten announced the Chamber After Hours Event to be held at AHS on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. featuring the New Tech Program.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 7:40 p.m. to consider resignations and intent to retire.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the following actions:

Resignation/Intent to Retire:

Dee Anna Taylor – Special Ed. Teacher, AHS; effective end of 2012-13 contract

Lee Bost, Foreign Language Teacher, AHS; effective end of 2012-13 contract

Carolyn Hunter, Business Teacher, AHS; effective end of 2012-13 contract

Resignations

Kelly Bell, Music Teacher, Perritt; effective end of 2012-13 contract

Kim Williams, Teacher/Coach, Goza; effective end of 2012-13 contract

Reemployment of Administrators

2013-14; 240-day contract, Assignments to be Determined:

Virginia Anderson

Jeanette Turner

Pat Wright

Libby Wheaton

Callie Hunley

Melinda Morris

Nikki Thomas

Angela Garner

David Maxwell

Cheryl Merk

Carla Narlesky

Randy Hicks

Jimmy King

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY