

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: JULY 17, 2012

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 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. Nell Everett, Ms. Terri King, and Mr. Billy Groom. **Members absent:** Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary.; Mr. Rodney Moore.

The Board president called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2012, and special meetings of June 15 and July 3 were approved as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

During the Instructional Report, the Board received a presentation by Ms. Jeanette Turner on the state's new accountability system.

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent recognized and welcomed Ms. Callie Hunley, new principal at Louisa E. Perritt Primary School.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Everett, and carried 5-0 to add Agenda Item #9, "Consideration of Position of Communications Director."

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the financial statements of the District. Mr. Whitten reported the District anticipates an increase in funding due to our increase in student membership over the past two years.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION UPDATE

Mr. Whitten reported that the deadline for filing as a candidate in the 2012 Annual School Election was July 11. Position six had two candidates file, and Position seven had one candidate.

BID CONSIDERATION FOR MILK AND BREAD BIDS

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Ms. Everett, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 5-0 to approve the bread bid of Hostess Brands/IBC for 2012-13, and the milk bid of Hiland Dairy (Coleman) for 2012-13.

FY13 CLASSIFIED Payscale ADJUSTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to approve the required federal guideline adjustments to the FY13 Classified payscale.

BID CONSIDERATION FOR MAINTENANCE VAN

The following bids were submitted for the purchase of a used replacement maintenance van for the District as follows:

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| 1. Bill Fitts Auto Sales, Little Rock: | 2004 Ford: \$13,900 |
| 2. T & B auto Sales, Inc., Little Rock: | 2007 Chev.: \$13,500 |
| 3. BBC Motorsports: Dallas, TX: | 2006 Ford: \$13,950 |

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris,, seconded by Ms. King,, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid of T & B Auto Sales @\$13,500 for the purchase of the 2007 Chevrolet replacement maintenance van.

POLICY REVIEW – CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTING

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Everett, and carried 5-0 to suspend the second reading requirement for policy revision/approval and grant final approval to the following:

1. Revision of Current Policy 4.36, Child Abuse/Neglect, to include new title, “Personnel Duty to Report Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect”
2. Adoption of same policy in Certified Policies (3.39) to include title “Certified Personnel Duty to Report Child Abuse, Maltreatment, or Neglect”
3. Adoption of same policy in Non-Certified Policies (8.21b), to include title, “Non-Certified Personnel Duty to Report Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect”

POLICY REVIEW - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to suspend the policy of tentative approval and grant final approval to revision of Policy 4.3 – Compulsory Attendance Requirements..

CIPA (CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT) REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, reviewed the District’s protective measures for preventing harmful internet contact for students.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDING POSITION OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve adding the position of District Communications Director, and to begin immediate advertisement for the position.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Whitten reported that Mr. Horace Smith, ASBA facilitator, led a Board workshop prior to the regular meeting, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, for the purpose of strategic planning by the Board and Superintendent.

The Board retired to executive session at 6:40 p.m. to consider recommendations for resignation and employment.

PERSONNEL

In open session following executive session, the following actions were taken:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following actions were taken:

A motion was made by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve non-renewal of the following employees:

Nancy Smith, Mathematics teacher; effective June 30, 2012

Lori Phillips, Marketing teacher; effective June 30, 2012

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Everett, and carried 5-0 to employ:

Nancy Smith, paraprofessional; 191-day contract – at scale

Phyllis Deloach, paraprofessional; 191-day contract – at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY