

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: JUNE 18, 2013

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, June 18, 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; Ms. Terri King,; Mr. Billy Groom and Ms. Karrie Goodman. Members absent: Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President; Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER RODNEY MOORE

The Board received a letter of resignation from member, Mr. Rodney Moore as board member effective June 12, 2013 due to his family moving to Little Rock.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four (4) members present.

> **Dr. Perrin** joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2013; and special meeting of June 4, 2013 were approved as presented.

AGENDA REVISION

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to add Item #10, Policy Revision – Absences, 4.7, to the agenda.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Pat Wright, Director of Schools of the 21st Century, provided an update on summer activities for students involving Child Care, Prime Time, and Boy & Girls Club. Dr. Wright reported that nutritious meals are being served to students during the period of June 3 – July 26. The meals are served to any child in the community at two school sites – Goza and Perritt, as well as some additional community locations.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum, reported on seven Professional Development sessions available for certified staff training during the summer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, reported on May balances for various District accounts. Mr. Whitten presented correspondence from Arkansas Legislative Audit Committee report stating the District's compliance. The Board accepted the Audit findings.

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the Board resolution for adoption of the Proposed Budget of Expenditures for 2014-15, and required preparations/publications with regard to the 2013 Annual School Election.

BID CONSIDERATION – FURNITURE FOR NEW TECH PROGRAM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid of School Outlet @ \$12,553.54 for the purchase of furniture for the New Tech program at Arkadelphia High School. Other bid received was from Schools in @ \$13,914.00.

BID CONSIDERATION – COMPUTERS FOR PRE-ENGINEERING LAB AT AHS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid GOV Connection @ \$24,504.46 for the purchase of computers for the Pre-Engineering lab at Arkadelphia High School (state vendor).

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

Mr. Whitten introduced a presentation led by principals for review of recommended revisions/additions to the school student handbooks for 2013-14..

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the recommendations.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION INFORMATION

Mr. Whitten announced the open board positions for the September, 2013 annual school election. Dr. Root and Mr. Whitten expressed appreciation to Mr. Moore for his outstanding service to the Board.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR 2013-14

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the District's personnel policies for 2013-14.

APPROVAL OF SALARY AND STIPEND SCHEDULES FOR 2013-14

Ms. Jill Hilton, Business Manager reviewed areas of the classified payscale requiring revision in order to meet minimum wage requirements of the state. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 5-0 to approve revision of the salary schedule to meet current wage requirements.

CHANGE OF DATES FOR JULY BOARD MEETING

The Board and Supt had discussed changing the July meeting schedule due to educational conferences. A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to change the regular meeting from July 16 to July 30 and forego July 2 agenda meeting.

POLICY REVISION – 4.7, ABSENCE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to grant final approval to revision of policy 4.7 – Absences.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Root reported on the initial meeting of the board sub-committee to study the revision of the evaluation instruments for board and Superintendent; Ms. King agreed to serve in place of Mr. Rodney Moore.

Mr. Whitten announced the ribbon cutting/opening ceremony for the Peake Rosenwald Center Center on August 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following personnel items were taken:
A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 5-0 to approve the following:

Resignation/Retirement:

Malinda Arnold, Custodian - Effective: 6-28-13

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Charles Sue Todd, Custodian – Effective: 6-28-13

Charlotte Burrough, Child Care Para – Effective 6-12-13

Jeanie Green, Child Care Para – Effective 6-28-13

Employment

Carrie Sharp, Instructional Facilitator (Perritt); 191-day contract – at scale

Brittany Satterfield, Child Care Para – 260-day contract – at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.