

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES:            March 26, 2013**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium 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. **Members absent:** Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr., Vice President and Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with (5) members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2013 and special meeting of March 5,, 2013 were approved.

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

Ms. Shelly Loe, representing the Chamber of Commerce and Arkadelphia Alliance, presented a report on the “Business After Hours” event held recently at Arkadelphia High School. The student/staff event showcased the New Tech program.

**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

The Board was provided with an informational report on various projects of Central Primary students and teachers. The report featured videos and reports from students and staff.

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Al Morven addressed the Board to express concerns regarding the New Tech program at Arkadelphia High School. Board members responded to Mr. Morven’s address. Ms. Cheryl Merk, Assistant Principal, and Mr. David Maxwell, Principal, reported that they have been meeting with parents and staff to address concerns in the continuing goal of providing the best solutions to accommodate the needs of students in implementing the New Tech curriculum.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Superintendent presented the final recommendation of the PPC based on vote of certified staff on two options for the 2013-14 school calendar. Voting results were: Option #1: 41; Option #2: 90. Upon the joint recommendation of the PPC and Administration, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0 to approve Option 2 for the 2013-14 school calendar.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW**

Mr. Whitten reported on recent legislative session considerations.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2013 DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 5-0 to approve the following member of the 2013 District Budget Committee: Superintendent Donnie Whitten, District Treasurer; Jill Hilton; Administrator, Nikki Thomas; Certified teacher, Jacque Hill; Board Member, Terri King; and Classified staff member, Glenda Williams.

**POLICY ADOPTION; HOME SCHOOL/EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to grant tentative approval to adoption of a policy 4.6a: Home School/Extracurricular Participation.

**SUB-TEACH PROPOSAL**

A proposal to consider a proposed substitute teacher management program was presented by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Ms. Jill Hilton, Business Manager. Ms. Turner and Ms. Hilton reviewed the process of implementation for the program. SubTeach USA provides bookkeeping, staffing, and expense advantages. Additional Net cost of SubTeachUSA program to the school district is \$3.30,(per sub-,per day)which covers recruiting, training, scheduling, supporting, interviewing, taking applications, maintaining personnel files, preparing payroll, dealing with unemployment and Workers Comp issues, etc. on a year to year contract..

Upon the recommendation of the administration, a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to use the Sub-Teacher service for a one-year contract beginning with the 2013-14 year.

#### **MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

A recommendation for K-12 Mathematics Textbook Adoption was presented by Ms. Jeanette Turner. Ms. Turner provided the committees membership of teachers, parents, principals, and central office staff.

**Recommendations:** Perritt, Central and Peake: Math Expressions by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Goza Middle School:** Holt McDougal Common Core Mathematics by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

#### **Arkadelphia High School:**

Carnegie Learning – Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II

Pearson – Bridge to CC Algebra II and Algebra III

Brooks/Cole Cengage (Linear Systems/Statistics, PreCal/Trig, AP Statistics, AP Calculus

A motion to approve the Mathematic Textbook Adoption List for K-12 was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 5-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR BAND UNIFORMS**

Mr. Jim Lloyd, Director of Arkadelphia School District Bands, presented the proposed purchase of new band uniforms for the AHS Band. Current uniforms have been well maintained but are 16 years old,

Three bids submitted were:

**Stanbury: \$59,142.60 DeMoulin: \$57,498.24 Midwest Band: \$60,821.50**

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid submitted by Stanbury, based on unique characteristics @\$59,142.60 (discount of \$1,774.28 - 3% prepayment); with delivery to be prior to the fall season.

#### **PERSONNEL**

The Board retired to executive session at 8:11 p.m. to consider employment, resignation/intent to retire, and transfer recommendations.

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 5-0 to approve:

#### **Resignation/Intent to Retire**

**Larry Manning**, teacher at Goza; resignation/intent to retire; effective of 2012-13 contract.

#### **Transfers:**

**Dolores Williams**, from History/Goza to KG/Perritt for 2013-14 year

**Becky Barnes**, from Special Ed./Peake to Special Ed./AHS for 2013-14 year

**Jennifer Coon**, from Teacher/Coach, Goza to Teacher/Head Volleyball Coach, AHS;  
206-day contract for 2013-14 year

#### **Parental Leave**

**Elizabeth Hill**, Instructional Facilitator (Central); Approximate period of August, 2013 -  
September 9, 2013

**Carolanne Pinegar**, FACS Teacher (AHS); Approximate period of August, 2013 – September  
9, 2013

#### **Employment**

**Lori Phillips**, Keyboarding teacher (Goza); Effective 3-8-2013 for remainder of 2013 contract (60 days of 206-day contract.)

#### **Re-Employment – Certified Staff for 2013-14 as Attached**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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**DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY**