ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: October 16, 2012

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00, p.m., in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North 11th Street.

Members present:: Dr. Jeff Root,, President; Dr; Kenneth Harris, Jr., Vice President; Dr. Shelly Perrin, Secretary; Ms. Terri King, Mr. Billy Groom, Mr. Rodney Moore, and Ms. Karrie Goodman..

The meeting was called to order by the President, and a quorum was established with seven (7) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 25, 2012 and October 2, 2012 were approved as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

The District 2012 Teachers of the Year were honored and presented plaques during a program led by Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum as follows: Kelly Bell, Louisa E. Perritt & Teacher of the Year for District; Ashley Keener, AHS; Khaki Forthman, Goza; Tori Rocole, Peake; Amanda Harris, Central.

Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, presented a plaque of appreciation and a lifetime athletic pass to outgoing board member, Ms. Nell Everett, who served as board member for twelve years.

During the Instructional Report, Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the District's assessments and recent results as required by the Arkansas Department of Education.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Whitten and the Board reviewed the District's financial statements. Mr. Whitten reported on the refinancing of the District's bonds and reported that the Board will meet at 5:15 on Thursday, October 18, at 5:15 p.m. at the Arkadelphia High School Conference room to adopt a resolution for refinancing of the bonds.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS/ASCIP APPROVAL

In compliance with an annual requirement of the Arkansas Department of Education, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent to approve the ASCIP (Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan), as required by Section 9305; and approval of assurances required by Section 9306 for federal programs. A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the plan.

BID CONSIDERATION: SMART RESPONSE SYSTEMS/GOZA MATH

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of Video Reality, TIPS/TAPS vendor in the amount of \$12,652.19 for the purchase of six Smart Response Systems with 32 remotes for Goza Middle School Math department.

BID CONSIDERATION: IPADS/GOZA MATH AND LITERACY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of single-source bidder, Apple, Inc., for *Board Minutes, October 16, 2012*Page Two

purchase of two bundles of ten iPads for a total of \$10,394.30 for use of Goza Math and Literacy classes, Title I funding.

BID CONSIDERATION: COMPUTER ON WHEELS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, carried 7-0 to approve the bid of Savvy for purchase of a Computer on Wheels for Goza classrooms in literacy, science, and math @\$23,454.88, Title I funding.

BID CONSIDERATION: PEAKE BUILDING PROJECT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 7-0 to approve the bid of Coldwell-Powell Construction @\$445,000 to complete the Peake renovation project.

Mr. Whitten reviewed the District's vision for expansion of the Early Childhood programs in the completed facilities.

ASBA CONFERENCE DELEGATE SELECTION

It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Dr. Kenneth G. Harris as the Board's delegate to the 2012 Arkansas School Board Delegate meeting in December.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Mr. Sean Ruggles, Communications Director, presented a report on establishment of the District's plan for weekly, monthly, and other timely communications to the staff and public.

CHANGE OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 7-0 to change the regular meeting to November 27 and keep the agenda meeting on the 6th due to Thanksgiving holiday schedule..

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone a decision on December meeting dates, until the November regular board meeting.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDATION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried 7-0 to approve the expulsion recommendation of the administration for Student "A", for violation of Board Policy 4.17a – Student Conduct; and Board Policy 4.29 – Disruption of School; for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the a motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

EMPLOYMENT:

Judith Gunter, Instructional Facilitator (AHS) Effective 10-22-12 (191) 138.50 day contract at scale, remainder of year only.

Tina Beal, ABC Classroom(Childcare Center) Effective 8-20-12; 191 day contract – at scale.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

DR. SHELLY PERRIN, PRESIDENT	