

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 25 at 6:40 p.m., in the Little Theater of Arkadelphia High School, located at 401 School Road.

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

The Board president called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present. Dr. Root congratulated the newly elected board member, Ms. Karrie Goodman and re-elected board member, Ms. Terri King.

**STUDENT GUEST**

The Superintendent welcomed the Arkadelphia High School Student Council president, Ms. Christa Bryant, as honored student guest of the Board.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

During the annual "Reorganization of the Board", the following officers were elected:

**President: Dr. Jeff Root;** nomination by Dr. Harris, second by Dr. Perrin, carried 7-0.

**Vice President: Dr. Kenneth Harris;** nomination by Ms. King, second by Dr. Perrin, carried 7-0.

**Secretary: Dr. Shelly Perrin;** nomination by Ms. King, second by Mr. Moore, carried 7-0.

**District Treasurer: Jill Hilton;** nomination by Dr. Harris, second by Mr. Moore, carried 7-0.

**Ex Officio Financial Secretary: Donnie Whitten;** nomination by Dr. Harris, second by Ms. King, carried 7-0.

**READoption OF BOARD POLICY**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to approve re-adoption of Board Policy, as required annually.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of August 21, 2012 and September 4, 2012 were approved as presented

**REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

During the Report of Excellence, Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Instruction/Curriculum, presented recognition to the AHS JROTC for recently being named as an Honor Unit with Distinction, which is the highest rating a JROTC unit can receive. The award is based on a formal on-site inspection which was performed during the spring semester..

Also honored during the report were those who have been selected as Classified Personnel of the Year:

**Diane Mathews**, Admin Bldg - District at Large; **Royce Howell**, Transportation Dept.; **Martin Newborn** – AHS; **Sylvia Davis** - Goza; **BC Stanley** - Peake ; **Maggie Thomas** - Central; **Theresa Bolt** – Perritt and District Employee of the year.

**REPORT ON NEW TECH (INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT)**

Following the Annual Report to the Public presentation at 5:00 p.m., the Board and others present toured the New Tech facility at the High School. They were provided the opportunity to observe both student and instructional staff as they demonstrated instructional activity of the program.

Ms. Cheryl Merk, facilitator for New Tech program, reported on distribution of New Tech program computers, as well as the process of implementing the program for the 2012-13 freshman class at Arkadelphia High School.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**ADOPTION OF 2012-13 BUDGET**

Mr. Whitten reviewed the process for adoption of the annual district budget and stated members of the **Budget Committee:** Mr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent; Ms. Terri King, Board Representative; Ms. Jeanette Turner, Curriculum Coordinator; Ms. Nikki Thomas, Principal Representative; Ms. Donna Adkins, Teacher Representative; Ms. Glenda Williams, Classified Staff Representative; and Ms. Jill Hilton, District Treasurer.

The Superintendent presented a summary of the proposed 2012-13 budget to the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Perrin, and carried 7-0 to approve adoption of the 2012-13 district budget.

### **ADOPTION OF 2012-13 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve adoption of the 2012-13 Special Education budget.

### **SCHOOL OPENING AND ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

The Superintendent provided a school opening/enrollment update.

### **ASBA MEETINGS AND NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

Mr. Whitten announced upcoming ASBA meetings, trainings, and conferences, as well as the NSBA annual conference. These include: Region 10 ASBA to meet at AHS on October 18 at 6:00 p.m; ASBA Annual Conference in Little Rock – December 5-7; and NSBA Annual Conference in San Diego – April 13-15, 2013.

### **DISCUSSION OF BOARD GOALS**

The Board President opened board discussion of the goals being considered by the Board in focusing on the Board's vision for the District.

### **PERSONNEL**

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

A motion was made by Dr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve:

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Nancy Smith**, Part-time Health/Physical Ed. Teacher; One period per day – 191-day contract - at scale(177 actual for 2012-13); effective 8-28-12.

**Jackie Hale**, Cafeteria Employee; 152-day contract - at scale; effective 8-28-12.

**Gearnis Quarles**, Cafeteria Employee; 152-day contract – at scale; effective 9-26-12

**Lenetta Gill**, Cafeteria Employee; 152-day contract – at scale; effective 9-26-12.

#### **MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Patti Goodson**, Teacher; Approximate dates of October 8-November 26/

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

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**DR. SHELLY PERRIN, SECRETARY**