

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES: APRIL 21, 2015

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 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. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Randy Turner, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Gina White. **Member absent:** Mr. Billy Groom.

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present. Dr. Root welcomed new board member, Ms. Gina White, who was recently appointed to serve the remaining term of Ms. Terri King, Zone 7 .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, and April 2, 2015 were approved as presented.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris to add Item **B7 – Certified Personnel Personal Leave Policy Consideration.**

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Angela Garner, Principal of L.M. Goza Middle School, and Ms. Phyllis Watts, instructor; provided a report on a grant received in 2015 celebrating Arkansas Heritage, using Arkansas' DeSoto Bluff on the Ouachita River as a highlight. This project focuses on writing skills for students using historic aspects involved in the area.

Ms. Garner introduced Ms. Shirley Howard, art instructor for Goza, for an update on art instructional activities for students at the school that were made possible through another grant received by the department.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

The report featured recognition of students who have recently achieved honors in activities of the schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

CONSIDERATION OF 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Bud McMillion, PPC Chairman, presented the results of the certified staff vote on the two options presented for the 2015-16 school calendar, and explained the legal requirements for composing the calendar. Voting results from the certified staff vote on the two options were: Option A: 124; Option B: 16.

Upon the recommendation of the Administration and PPC, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to approve Option A for the 2015-16 school calendar.

REPORT ON NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Root and Dr. Harris reported on the recent experiences and presentations of the 2015 national school board conference held in Nashville, Tennessee March 20-23.

SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION

Dr. Whitten reported on recent changes in the law concerning school choice in Arkansas. Under the new legislation, the District will participate in School Choice. The deadline for filing for school choice for 2015-16 is May 1, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLE CONTRACT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-1 with Ms. Goodman casting the dissenting vote; to approve the District's participation in a lease/purchase agreement with Apple, Inc. with payments as

presented in the legal contract.

FY14 DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT

The Superintendent presented the official District Audit Report for 2013-14 fiscal year. A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to accept the official audit report for 2013-14, as presented.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW 3.11 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL PERSONAL LEAVE

The Superintendent and PPC Chairperson presented the proposal to revise the current Certified Personnel Personal Leave policy. A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 6-0 to suspend the rule and consider final approval of the revision as presented.

Upon the recommendation of the Administration and PPC, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to grant final approval to the revision.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Whitten reminded the Board of AHS graduation on May 23 at 10:00 a.m.; and the annual Board Awards Dinner on May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board and Superintendent discussed the recent grading scale used by the state department in rating schools.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session to consider 7:30 p.m. to consider personnel recommendations for employment, leave, resignations, and re-employment.

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. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve:

Resignation

Steve Turnbaugh, Math Teacher (AHS) Effective end of 2014-15 school year

Resignation/Intent to Retire

Nelda Bullock, Cafeteria Manager (Perritt); Effective end of 2014-15 school year

Jo McCain, School Nurse; Effective end of 2014-15 school year

Transfer

Vanessa Rodgers, Kindergarten teacher to Primary teacher Central 2nd Grade teacher

Laura Cornelius, Music teacher (AHS) to Music teacher (Peake)

Arnesha Horton, Pre-K teacher (Perritt) to Primary teacher (Central 2nd Grade)

Medical Leave of Absence

Lawrence Harris, Custodian (Perritt) April 6, 2015 – May 4, 2015

Employment

Natalie Leamons, Literacy teacher (Goza 8th Grade); 191-day contract – at scale, 2015-16

Ellis Moreland, Teacher/Coach (Goza) 206-day contract – at scale, 2015-16

Re-Employment

Classified Staff (List Attached) for 2015-16

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF
ARKADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2015-16

FOOD SERVICE

Jo Anna Spradlin, Director

Arnold, Marion
Baker, Barbara
Cox, Elizabeth
Davis, Ericka
Davis, Sylvia
Dugger, Nancy
Gardner, Kelley Beth
Gill, Lenetta
Fite, Marilyn
Hale, Jackie
Haygood, Marilyn
Hubbard, Barbara
Johnson, Ernestine
Jones, Gweneva
Jones, Lillie

Quarles, Gearnis
Tate, Alfreda
Wells, Janice
Williams, Mary
Williams, Pam

TRANSPORTATION

Wayne Hasley, Director

Benker, Sherry
Benton, Jasper
Bloomfield, Larry
Friebolt, Jay
Hale, Paul
Harrison, Shunn
Helms, Kenneth
Howell, Royce
Johnson, Joyce
Keeling, Annette
Luna, Mitch
McBride, Shane
McMillion, Bud
Minchew, Jim
Morrow, Mike

Nelson, Patrick
Robinson, Olivia
Tinzie, Leslie
Williams, James
Williams, Junius
Williams, Melanie
Williams, Paula
Williams, Jana

MAINTENANCE

Leslie Wood, Supervisor
Bosley, Harold Dean
Campbell, Matthew

TECHNOLOGY

Joey Andrews, Coordinator
Adams, Kim
Minchew, Joshua

COMMUNICATIONS

Sean Ruggles, Director

NURSES

Morgan, April

CUSTODIAL

Aundra Leeper, Supervisor

Collins, Edward
Davis, Clarice
Davis, James
Davis, Rachel
Franklin, Mary
Hale, Paul
Harris, Lawrence
Harvell, Ruth
Jones, Bennie
Knox, Cletis
Muldrew, Marcus
Newborn, Freda
Newborn, Martin
Russell, Shawn
Thomas, Anderson
Thomas, Maggie
Williams, Brenda

OFFICE STAFF

Adams, Lorrie
Alexander, Karen
Bailey, Zina
Chapman, Kim
Conroy, Michelle
Farnam, Marvetta
Fulmer, Elizabeth
Goza, Stacy
Jones, Lisa
Mathews, Diane
McKay, Angela
Middleton, Angela
Pilot, Velvet
Ray, Lisa
Sisco, Latina
Stanley, BC
Williams, Glenda
Wood, Carolyn

EARLY CHILDHOOD
CTR/ROSENWALD

Aiga Porter, Director

Aguire, Yadhire
Coleman, Melva
Ferries, April
Garcia, Lynsey
Harrison, Chrystal
Hughes, Belinda
Kegley, Miranda
Knox, Tonya
Lewis, Sharon
McClure, Tanner
Mitchell, Norma Jane
Sanders, Mark
Seymore, Tiffany
Shahid, Salma
Vail, Lorraine
Wood, Katherine
Yehl, Mila

OTHER: PENDING FUNDING

Buckley, Joanne PAT

BUSINESS OFFICE

Jill Hilton, Business Manager

PARAPROFESSIONALS: Pending

Ending

Archer, Linda
Ball, Lillian
Brown, Chassity
Chaudry, Saba - Pending
completion of SQP by July 31,
2015

DeLoach, Phyllis
Fisher, Shriley
Hall, Zonder
Hardin, Sadie
Hendrix, Sheryl
Hyde, Rick
Jackson, Tamara
Keeling, Annette
Lambert, Toma
McNeal, Paula

Moss, Brenda
Newborn, Betty
Phillips, Jordan
Roberts, Martika
Smith, Nancy
Stone, Helene
Turner, Karen
Whitaker, Mary
Wyatt, Laura