

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, February 12, 2013, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Brian Kesterson, Edd Puckett, Will Robbins, Judith Roberson, Robert Hines and Kyle Cannon. Clint Montgomery was absent.

Vice-President Kesterson asked Will Robbins to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from previous Board meeting were reviewed. Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston stated several things were looked at in the recent planning meeting. One was the road project from Holly Harshman to U.S. Highway 71 and Mr. Weston read a letter he had written to Mayor McKee and City Council. Mr. Weston asked for board approval in the form of a motion to deliver the letter to the Mayor to show our commitment to this endeavor. Kyle Cannon made a motion for the letter to be delivered to the Mayor and City Council as read. Edd seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Another item discussed at the planning meeting were the awnings at Louise Durham which had collapsed during the recent snow. One company, Advanced Awning and Aluminum Products submitted a bid. After discussion, Robert Hines made a motion to accept the bid from Advanced Awning and Aluminum Products. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

With the legislature in session, security issues are being discussed and Mr. Weston suggested waiting on the security doors at Louise Durham Elementary.

Also discussed during the planning meeting, was track resurfacing, water under the bleachers and other projects in the future.

In the legislative session, many bills are coming down. Right now we are tracking about 87 bills. From school choice, to relaxed professional development.

Mr. Weston asked Mr. Marshall to appoint someone to attend Preparing Your School for a Crisis on February 20th at the Fort Smith Convention Center. This program is being presented by the U.S. Department of Justice - Attorney General's Office.

The regular board meeting in March would fall during Spring Break. Mr. Weston asked the Board to move the regular meeting to Thursday, March 14th, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. regular meeting.

Vice-President Kesterson continued meeting with new business.

Nathan Stone, District Technology Coordinator, demonstrated the new district website.

Meeting continued with Mr. Weston informing the board that district Administrators have begun the 30 hour training for Principal Evaluations. Our Administrators recently attended an 8 hour training given by Dr. Gathright at the COOP. Time has also been set aside for Administrators to work together and train at the Administration Building. Paulette Sherrer was asked for her experience so far with the training. Mrs. Sherrer stated the time set aside by Mr. Weston would help all Administrators to be on the same page while doing evaluations and Administrators would not need to train on their own time. Mr. Weston stated once the training is complete, Administrators will need to pass a test before performing evaluations.

The Health Department recently visited with Mr. Weston concerning the dish washer at Mena Middle School cafeteria. The temperature required as been reached by turning up the temperature. The Health Department would prefer a new chemical sanitizer or heat booster. The cost could be \$3,000 or less. Mr. Hawk is checking on the repair.

Gene Hawk updated the progress on the baseball/softball complex. Field work has slowed somewhat due to the weather. However, sheetrock is being hung, lights are scheduled to go up next week, some field product will be coming out of Alabama, so that has also delayed some work. First games to be played are still being evaluated.

Ken Marshall, Assistant Superintendent, presented the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar approved by the PCP. After discussion, Robert Hines made a motion to accept the proposed 2013-2014 calendar. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Judith Roberson a motion to pay the bills. Will Robbins seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In personnel matters, Mr. Weston made the following recommendations:

To accept the resignation of Scott O'Rear, Bus Driver, effective January 18, 2013.

To accept the retirements of Ronnie Duckett, Transportation/Maintenance Director and Connie Davis, Mena High School Alternative Education Director.

To renew the following Administration Licensed Personnel contracts for 2013-2014:

Ken Marshall, Assistant Superintendent
Kimberly Pymn, Federal Coordinator/Staff Development
Mark Shumate, Mena High School Principal
Shane Torix, Mena High School Assistant Principal
Mike Hobson, Mena Middle School Principal
Clifton Sherrer, Mena Middle School Principal
Paulette Sherrer, Holly Harshman Elementary Principal
Steve Davis, Louise Durham Elementary Principal

To Hire Tim Harper, Senior High Head Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's recommendations. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Weston requested a change in contract for Paulette Sherrer, Principal at Holly Harshman, from 11 months to 12 months to be in line with the other Principals. Judith Roberson made a motion to make the contract change. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Kesterson, Vice-President

Will Robbins, Secretary