

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 16, 2013

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, April 16, 2013, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Clint Montgomery, Brian Kesterson, Will Robbins, Judith Roberson, Robert Hines and Kyle Cannon. Edd Puckett was absent.

President Montgomery asked Robert Hines 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 asked to move to item #1 on the agenda and allow Ray Beardsley of First Security Beardsley Public Finance to present the Final Recap of bond sale. Mr. Beardsley stated the bond sale was April 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. One bid was received from Raymond James & Associates, Inc. for the lowest TIC rate of 2.994469%. Raymond James & Associates, Inc. appointed Farmers & Merchants Bank, Stuttgart, Arkansas to serve as trustee. Each Board Member received a copy of the District's new payment schedule. Mr. Beardsley continued with closing and transfer of funds, first remittance, and net savings. Kyle Cannon made the Final Motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of the \$9,265,00, Mena School District No. 23 of Polk County, Arkansas, Refunding Bonds dated May 1, 2013 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Robert Hines seconded final motion and motion carried 6-0.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Financial Advisor for the period of three (3) years. Will Robbins seconded motion and motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Weston asked President Montgomery to move to item #2 on the Agenda, G/T Program Review, Freda Moore. Mrs. Moore presented the board with Strengths and Problems of Gifted Children handout. Mrs. Moore highlighted several areas G/T students use their strengths in school settings and everyday life as well as possible problems G/T students may encounter. Each Board Member was given a survey to complete and return to Mrs. Moore as part of the state department G/T mandate reporting.

Returning to the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston stated the legislature is scheduled to end this session April 19th and he continues to watch the funding bills, health insurance rates, Obama Care affecting state and federal, retirement contribution from 14% to 15%, NSLA, isolated funding, QSCB, miscellaneous funds, trust fund, choice bill, and foundation funding.

Cordia Sprague, Cafeteria Supervisor, advised the board the need to raise paid meal prices for the 2013-2014 school term. After discussion, Robert Hines made a motion to raise meal prices as follows:

Paid student lunch \$2.30

Adult lunch \$2.90

Paid student breakfast \$1.30

Adult breakfast \$1.75

Will Robbins seconded motion and motion carried 6-0.

President Montgomery continued meeting with photo and student insurance contracts. Mr. Weston tabled student insurance. After discussion, no action was taken on photo contracts. Mr. Weston will gather more information from Life Touch concerning packages for extra-curricular, clubs, etc.

Ken Marshall, Assistant Superintendent, went over changes made in Section 3 of Board Policies and approved by the PPC. Robert Hines made a motion to approve changes to Section 3 of board policies. Kyle Cannons seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Ken Marshall, Assistant Superintendent and Athletic Director, after the closing of the bowling alley, we are looking at a couple of options before dropping the bowling program. No action was taken.

Mr. Marshall announced Mr. Weston was elected to the Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors last week in Hope. Mr. Weston will represent District 7. District 7 basically encompasses the Southwest Corner of Arkansas. Mr. Weston is one of 19 directors.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to appoint Edd Puckett to the Health and Wellness Committee for a one (1) year term. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Judith Roberson made a motion to appoint Kyle Cannon to the Staff Development Committee for a one (1) year term. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Robert Hines made a motion to appoint Judith Roberson to the Personnel Policies Committee for a one (1) year term. Will Robbins seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Weston asked President Montgomery to add a couple of items to the agenda. First, three items need added to the Licensed Salary Schedule:

Assistant Senior Soccer Coach \$1,250.00 per team

Stipend for Assistant Principal at Mena High School 0.0650

Assistant Athletic Director \$4,000.00

Kyle Cannon made a motion to make the three additional changes to the Licensed Salary Schedule. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Another item is a wooden pole at Mena Middle School needs replacing. Gene Hawk has contacted the City of Mena for the possibility of a used metal pole. Mr. Hawk will also get the cost of a new wooden pole.

Mr. Weston wanted the board to be aware that several thousand dollars has been put in to repairing our back hoe and it currently needs a rebuilt motor at an approximate cost of \$5,800. No action was taken.

Mr. Weston asked Gene Hawk to receive bids on a new zero turn mower. The lowest bid of \$7474.00 for a Bad Boy 60-61" cut was received from Polk County Tractor. After discussion, Robert Hines made a motion to purchase the mower. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Judith Robertson made a motion to pay the bills. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In personnel matters, Clint Montgomery read:

RENEWAL OF NON-LICENSED CONTRACTS FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR:

SEE ATTACHED

Judith Roberson made a motion to renew non-licensed contracts for 2013-2014 school year. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Resignations of Mark Shumate - Principal - Mena High School and Michelle Shumate - Literacy and 9th Grade Cheer Coach - Mena High School

Judith Roberson made a motion to accept the resignations. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Retirements of Larry Lindly - ALE - Mena High School and Jackie Thacker - Cafeteria Manager of Louise Durham Elementary Cafeteria.

Judith Roberson made a motion to accept the retirements. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

To hire the following bus drivers beginning August, 2013:

Dow Anderson - B Route
Peggy Foster - C Route
Joe Johnson - B Route
Terry Stacks - B Route

Kyle Cannon made a motion to hire the bus drivers. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

To transfer Amy Bartow from Holly Harshman Elementary Cafeteria to Louise Durham Cafeteria Manger beginning August, 2013.

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the transfer. Will Robbins seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Montgomery, President

Will Robbins, Secretary