

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, September 17, 2013, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Clint Montgomery, Brian Kesterson, Edd Puckett, Will Robbins, Judith Roberson, and Kyle Cannon. Robert Hines was absent

President Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. and asked Edd Puckett to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from previous Board meeting were reviewed. Judith Roberson made a motion to accept the minutes. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston reported we are waiting on Aleshire Electric to complete the security doors at Louise Durham Elementary. Mr. Weston voiced his concern over the public school employee medical insurance rate increases. Mr. Weston has been in contact with legislators and will meet with the Governor on Monday.

President Montgomery moved to new business, setting special called meeting to approve the Budget. After discussion, a special meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for Budget approval only.

Mr. Weston was approached by Senior High Band Director, Charles Morgan, with quotes to purchase 3 sousaphones. After discussion, the board requested more information from Mr. Morgan and tabled the action.

The meeting continued, after discussion, the Public Meeting was set as follows:

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in the Administration Building Board Room:

Facilities Planning meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Facilities Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

We will be hosting the 2013 State Volleyball Tournament on behalf of the Arkansas Activities Association. Mr. Marshall, Assistant Superintendent and Athletic Director stated 16 teams participate in the tournament scheduled to begin October 29th at noon; October 30th at 4:00 p.m.; and October 31st at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Weston stated we have many volunteers already, but asking for other volunteers to help promote the tournament and our facilities.

Mr. Weston asked Nathan Stone, Technology Director, for information on the school's radio frequency. Mr. Stone stated he had contacted Chris Daniel for information on what the school was needed in order to maintain the frequency and meet FCC requirements.

Mr. Stone explained 3 of the 5 items required by the FCC and Mr. Weston asked the Board to take no action at this time.

The Board, Mr. Weston, and Gene Hawk visited the Union Bank Park to see what was needed to complete the baseball / softball complex. After discussion, Kyle Cannon made a motion to complete the needed projects totaling \$52,900. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and carried 5-1, with Judith Roberson casting the no vote.

Will Robbins made a motion to pay bills. Kyle Cannon seconded motion and motion carried 6-0.

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

HIRE:

Shannon Anderson - Paraprofessional

David Hampton - Technology

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept the hires. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Weston informed the Board of the bandwidth discussions continuing throughout the state and the availability in our area.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Montgomery, President

Will Robbins, Secretary