

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2013

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Wednesday night, December 18, 2013, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Will Robbins, Brian Kesterson, Edd Puckett, Clint Montgomery, Judith Roberson, Robert Hines, and Kyle Cannon.

President Robbins 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. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

President Robbins asked for Superintendent's Report. Mr. Weston read an email for Chris Daniel concerning the district's radio frequency. Mr. Weston gave permission to Mr. Daniel to move forward with the FCC requesting a Special Temporary Authority (STA) to go "silent". Mr. Weston will inform the board when information is received. No action was taken.

Continuing with the meeting, Agenda Item #1, Facilities Plan Resolution, Mr. Weston read the following Board Resolution:

Comes now the Mena School District Board of Directors by and through its Superintendent duly authorize and do herein declare:

A special or regular school board meeting was held on December 18, 2013, wherein a quorum was present and a majority of the quorum voted to approve the acceptance of the 2014 master plan, and the minutes of said meeting reflect such. Therefore this document is to serve as the formal resolution of the Mena School Board of directors, pursuant to Arkansas Law, that said master plan is hereby approved.

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. The Resolution was signed by Benny Weston, Superintendent and Will Robbins, School Board President.

Mr. Weston informed the board after calculations made by Mr. Marshall, the football stadium would seat approximately 3,046 for graduation. Graduation will be held at the football stadium May, 2014. The CMA is a backup for inclement weather.

The District has received the formal CRE Review letter. Mr. Weston notified the Board adult meal prices will need increased the next school year according to child nutrition guidelines. The Child Nutrition Auditor reminded Mr. Weston the program is a "child" nutrition program, not an "adult" nutrition program and our adult prices should be equal to a reimbursable meal. No action was taken.

Mr. Weston and Mr. Marshall explained weather days are built in to the school calendar and want to wait until January before making a decision on the three make up days due to the ice storm.

Mr. Weston added Board member certificates and Board hours to the meeting. Board Professional Development certificates and total ASBA board hours were handed out to the board.

Judith Roberson made a motion to pay the bills. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Weston made the following personnel recommendations:

Transfers:

Paul Rye from a "B" bus route to a "C" bus route effective 1-6-2014

Dow Anderson from "B" bus route to a "C" bus route effective 1-6-2014

Hire:

Mark Lazarus as a "B" bus route driver effective 1-6-2014

Brian Kesterson made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's personnel recommendations. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

For Board information, Mr. Weston distributed an Arkansas Education Report dated November 20, 2013, from the Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas, titled Demographic Changes in the Arkansas Public Schools: A Five Year Comparison.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Will Robbins, President

Kyle Cannon, Secretary