

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

Members Present: ; Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Randy Turner, Ms. Gina White, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Mona Vance. **Members absent:** Dr. Jeff Root, President; and Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.; Vice President.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, provided the District's Annual Report to the Public at 5:25 p.m.

▲ **Dr. Root and Dr. Harris** joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The President called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and established a quorum with seven (7) members present. Dr. Root welcomed **Ms. Mona Vance** as the new board member for Position #3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August and special meeting of September 6, 2016 were approved with correction to the September 6 meeting minutes regarding motions made during an employee hearing.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Dr. Root, Board president, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as board president, and further stated he did not wish to be considered for the position during the election of officers. The Board and Superintendent expressed appreciation to Dr. Root for his service as president.

Election of Officers

Board officers for the 2016-17 year were elected as follows:

A motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 6-0 to elect **Mr. Randy Turner as President.**

A motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 6-0 to elect **Dr. Kenneth Harris as Vice President.**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Root, and carried 7-0 to elect **Ms. Karrie Goodman as Secretary.**

A motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to elect **Tammy Barger as District Treasurer.**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to elect **Donnie Whitten** as Ex-Officio Financial Secretary.

Re -adoption of Board Policy

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Vance, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to re-approve the District's current Board Policies for 2016-17.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

During the Report of Excellence, Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, assisted Dr. Whitten in honoring the classified personnel who received the honor of "Classified Employee of the Year" for 2016. Those honored, but unable to attend, were: **Ms. Glenda Williams**, Office staff; and **Ms. Phyllis Deloach**, Classified Classroom and Early Childhood staff. Those present to receive their awards were: **Ms. Joanna Spradlin**, Food Service; **Mr. Wayne Hasley**, Transportation, and **Ms. Aundra Leeper**, Custodial and District Employee of the Year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for August. Dr. Whitten explained that the format for the report presented in board packets is the actual state generated report of finances for the District.

SCHOOL ELECTION UPDATE

Dr. Whitten explained that due to the fact that the three positions for the Board in the 2016 annual election were uncontested; the election was conducted by early voting or absentee ballot. Those officially elected were Zone 1: **Dr. Casey Motl**, Zone 3: **Dr. Kenneth G. Harris, Jr.**, Zone 7: **Ms. Mona Vance**.

CONSIDERATION OF ASCIP ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to approve the annual ASCIP Assurance Statement as presented.

REMOVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET FROM AGENDA

The Board expressed approval for removing this agenda item due to the new timeline of adoption in the spring.

ADOPTION OF 2016-17 DISTRICT BUDGET

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2016-17 budget packet for the District as reviewed and presented by the District Budget Committee. Dr. Whitten summarized the guidelines for preparing and submitting the annual budget to the state.

Upon the recommendation of the Administration and the Budget Committee a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the 2016-17 district budget as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE BIDS

The Superintendent presented bids for the purchase of a used pick-up truck to be used by the transportation department. Bids were received from Riser Ford, Gildner Auto Group, and Allen Tillery Chevrolet Buick GMC.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Root, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the purchase of a 2010 GMC Sierra @\$27,000 from Allen Tillery Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Whitten reported on the recent meeting with the architectural team during which mock-ups for the interior of the buildings were presented; with June being the targeted date for construction to begin.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel action:

RESIGNATION

Laura Wyatt, Paraprofessional – AHS; effective 09/15/2016

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY