

Heber Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on August 19, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. All members were present.

I. President Gary Redd called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

II. President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 15, 2013, regular board meeting. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

III. Mr. Hester presented the financial report for approval. A discussion followed.

Motion to approve the financial report: Kevin Thomas

Second: Holly Meyer

Motion passed.

IV. School/Business Reports:

- Mr. Mueller reported that elementary started the first day of school with 845 students. He added that the kindergarten class is at 163 students.
- Mrs. Watkins reported that middle school has 457 students enrolled
- Mr. Johnston reported that the high school has 544 students enrolled.
- Sheriff Marty Moss presented data on student drug abuse. He requested that the district strongly consider a drug testing policy. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Hester presented the paperwork for a line of credit from Eagle Bank and Trust for the track/turf repairs.
- Mr. Hester presented the milk and bread bids.
- Mr. Hester presented student transfer requests.
- Mr. Hester presented resignations for approval.
- Mr. Hester presented new hires for approval.

V. Executive Session. The board did not go into executive session.

VI. Board Action:

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to form a drug/substance testing committee.

Motion to approve committee: Holly Meyer

Second: Al Thomas

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve a credit line of \$425,000 to be obtained from Eagle Bank and Trust, for the purpose of improvements to the track and field.

Motion to approve credit line: Al Thomas

Second: Rick Gardner

Opposed: Holly Meyer

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to accept the milk bid from Kallsnick and the bread bid from Flowers.

Motion to accept bids: Al Thomas

Second: Holly Meyer

Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the following student transfer requests:

Hardy Wilson to Rosebud

Amori Mullens to Rosebud

Gracelyn Ross to Rosebud

Laken Ross to Rosebud

Nina Langston to Searcy

Isaiah Whitlock to Searcy
Addison Whitlock to Searcy
Jacob Decker to Pangburn
Jacob Warden from Pangburn
Motion to approve student transfer requests: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the following resignations:
Jack Blanchard – transportation
Susie Siler – elementary teacher
Jesse Crawford – transportation
Dee Ann Jenkins – middle school special education teacher
Diane Holtz – elementary art
Motion to approve resignations: Al Thomas
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire the following new hires:
Heather Goff – elementary teacher
Jessica Johnston – elementary art
Carol Yarrington – elementary special education teacher
Marissa Eskew – elementary aide
Margaret Masterson – transportation
Tasha Bunting – elementary teacher
Motion to hire: Al Thomas
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire Carie Daniel to work part time with the yearbook staff (2 days a week) and to move Dennis Powell to high school full-time.
Motion to approve request: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to move Jennifer McElory to a la carte manager in food service.
Motion to approve request: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion Passed

Mr. Hester announced that there would be two town hall meetings to discuss the mileage increase on August 27, 2013, and September 10, 2013. They will be held at 6:00 in the high school cafeteria.

VII. With no further business, President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kevin Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Holly Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the August 19, 2013, regular meeting are approved.

Mr. Gary Redd, President

Mr. Kevin Thomas, Secretary

Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent

