

Heber Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on September 16, 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. President Gary Redd requested to add an item concerning teacher health insurance premiums. Motion to approve agenda with addition. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

II. President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2013, regular board meeting. Holly Meyer requested to amend the first action by adding the word testing. Motion to approve the minutes with amendment. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

III. Mr. Hester presented the financial report for approval. A discussion followed.
Motion to approve the financial report: Al Thomas
Second: Rick Gardner
Motion passed.

IV. School/Business Reports:

- Mr. Mueller reported that elementary school has 843 students. He stated that all first grade classrooms have 1:1 technology with iPad's, second thru fifth grade has 1:1 chrome books, and kindergarten has 1:2 with mini Ipads.
- Mrs. Watkins reported that middle school has 438 students enrolled.
- Mr. Johnston reported that the high school has had only had two students sent to in-school suspension this year. He attributes that to the students being engaged in classroom with common core and technology. He added that the entire middle school and high school would be attending the rededication of the dam on October 3rd.
- Mr. Hester presented a trip request from the AGATE class. He stated that they are requesting to take their annual trip on May 1-4 to Nashville, Tennessee.
- Mr. Hester presented the 13-14 annual budgets for approval. The budgets include Special Education and ACSIP plans/budgets.
- President Gary Redd expressed concern over the rising costs of teacher health insurance and asked about possible solutions. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Johnston gave an update on drug testing policy information. He stated that the committee is working on a policy that will be supportive not punitive.
- Mr. Hester presented information provided by First Security Beardsley Public Finance concerning options for Moody's Rating Changes and Course of Action. Mr. Hester explained the three options. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Hester presented student transfer requests.
- Mr. Hester presented new hires for approval.
- Mr. Hester stated that tomorrow is the annual school millage and school board election day.

V. Executive Session. The board went into executive session for a personnel issue.

VI. Board Action:

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the trip request from the AGATE class.
Motion to approve trip request: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the 2013-2014 school budget, including special education and ACSIP plans/budget.
Motion to approve budgets/plans: Kevin Thomas
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to adopt the amending resolution concerning the issuance and delivery of bonds as outlined in attached documents.
Motion to adopt resolution: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

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

Aylana Adams from Pangburn
Aliegha Adams from Pangburn
Alexia Adams from Pangburn
Brooklyn Adams from Pangburn
Bly Fortich from Rose Bud
Gavin Fortich from Rose Bud
Xzavier Knapp-Blanco From Rose Bud
Benjamin Rowdy Fisher from Rose Bud
Daisy Owens from Rose Bud
Tyler Rains from Rose Bud
Motion to approve student transfer requests: Al Thomas
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire the following new hires:

Anthony Laster - maintenance
Austin Steward - custodian
Stacy Nantz – food service
Shelby King – middle school special education teacher
Leah Welch - aide
Motion to hire: Holly Meyer
Second: Al Thomas
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve a transfer request of a student from Heber Springs to Rose Bud pending opening in special education per parent request.

Motion to approve transfer request: Al Thomas
Second: Holly Meyer
Motion passed.

VII. With no further business, President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kevin Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Holly Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the September 16, 2013, regular meeting are approved.

Mr. Gary Redd, President

Mr. Kevin Thomas, Secretary

Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent

