MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2007

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, May 15, 2007 with the following members present: Robby Hines, Harold Smith, Leon Myers, Randy Horton, Will Robbins, Robert Crawford and Edd Puckett.

President Robby Hines called the meeting to order and asked Harold Smith to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the April Board meeting were reviewed. Will Robbins made a motion to approve the April minutes as read. Harold Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent John Ponder informed the Board that the district had been approved for a building partnership with the state. Mena applied for a partnership last November. This means the state will pay over 8 million dollars for new construction in the district. The district must match the remaining funds through a millage increase. The Board will decide this matter at the June board meeting. Another item reported concerned an increase in Excellence Trust Funds for the year. The Board was told any increases in this funding must go to teacher's salaries. Teachers will receive a one hundred dollar increase this year and this money will be added to the salary schedule. Classified personnel will receive fifty dollars for the year. Mr. Ponder also informed the Board of graduation on Friday, May 18th at the Iron Mountain Facility.

Randy Horton made a motion to elect Leon Myers to serve on the Staff Development Committee. Harold Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Harold Smith made a motion to elect Robert Crawford to serve on the Personnel Policies Committee. Randy Horton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Ponder read the Mena Athletic Lettering Policy to the Board. After a short discussion, Leon Myers made a motion to accept the Mena Athletic Lettering Policy. Will Robbins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial reports were reviewed. No action was necessary.

After reviewing the April bill list, Leon Myers made a motion that bills be paid. Will Robbins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss personnel.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Ponder recommended the Board accept the resignations of Darrell Fryar Maintenance/Bus Driver, Mark Smith Middle School

Teacher/Athletics, Kevin Atchley HFE Special ED, transfer Sherry Newman to Superintendent's Secretary, Debra Parnell to Administration Receptionist, Tammy Irons to GT/ELL Coordinator, Teresa Mitchell to HFE 4th Grade Teacher/Music, Tommy Johnson from Sr. Girls Soccer to Sr. Girls Softball, Bobby Tedder out of Asst. Football to Sr. Girls Soccer and hire Christy Brotherton 6th Grade Science Teacher/7th Grade Cheerleading, and Celeste Ashcraft Librarian at Louise Durham. Randy Horton made a motion to accept Mr. Ponders recommendations. Leon Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Ponder made a request that the Board call the meeting to order again. Mr. Ponder then rescinded his recommendation for Bobby Tedder. Randy Horton made a motion to accept Mr. Ponders recommendation. Harold Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robby Hines, President

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Leon Myers, Secretary