

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 2007

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The Mena School Board met in a special called session on Tuesday night, November 13 2007 with the following members present: Robby Hines, Randy Horton, Will Robbins, Robert Crawford, Edd Puckett, Clint Montgomery and Kyle Cannon.

President Robby Hines asked for an update on Facilities.

Superintendent John Ponder gave the Board a synopsis of the meeting with Doug Eaton where Mr. Eaton directed the district to develop 2 plans to meet the suitability issue for the Mena district. Mr. Eaton directed the district to develop a cost plan for building a new High School and a second plan for an addition that would meet the new state mandated square footage requirement. Additions would be needed at Mena High School and Louise Durham Elementary. These 2 plans are currently due on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Mr. Ponder also shared with the Board he had met with representatives from Nabholz construction late last week. They toured the schools to see what was necessary for new construction and for the needed additional space. They will develop the cost estimates for the Board to present to Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Ponder went on to say that Mr. Eaton and the Nabholz people have agreed to attend a public meeting to explain the new state requirements and the projected costs estimates if we can find an acceptable date that all parties can attend. We will pick several possible dates next Tuesday at the regular board meeting.

President Robby Hines asked about the facilities at Hatfield. Mr. Ponder reported according to Mr. Eaton there were suitability issues as well at the old Hatfield Elementary building. The FCI index was higher than the state allows for state aid so any updates would have to come from local funds. Mr. Robert Crawford asked Mr. Ponder to gather the information to see what it costs the district to operate that campus each year as well as estimated cost for repair from the FCI Index report. Mr. Ponder stated that we are spending approximately \$400,000 beyond our income this year alone.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss personnel.

The Board reconvened and took no action on personnel.

Mr. Robert Crawford made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Will Robbins seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robby Hines President

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Will Robbins, Secretary