

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Official Minutes: September 22, 2015**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

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

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five (5) members present.

### **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC**

Superintendent Donnie Whitten presented the District's Annual Report to the Public to the Board and audience members.

◆ Dr. Harris joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

### **RECESS**

Dr. Jeff Root, President, called for a recess at 5:40 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, and special meetings of September 1, and September 8, were approved as presented.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

During the annual reorganization of the Board the following actions were taken:

**Board President:** Mr. Turner nominated **Dr. Jeff Root**. The nomination carried 5-0.

**Vice President:** Dr. Motl nominated **Dr. Kenneth Harris**. The nomination carried 5-0.

**Secretary:** Ms. White nominated **Ms. Karrie Goodman**. The nomination carried 5-0.

**District Treasurer:** Mr. Turner nominated **Ms. Tammy Barger**. The nomination carried 5-0.

**Ex-Officio Financial Secretary:** Dr. Harris nominated **Dr. Donnie Whitten**. The nomination carried 5-0.

### **RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to re-adopt the Board's policies as they exist.

### **HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS & DELEGATIONS**

The Board received an address from Dr. Liza Hubbard, regarding concerns about the Advanced Placement/Fine Arts Program on the secondary level. .

▲ Dr. Motl was excused from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT AND REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

Dr. Whitten and Dr. Turner recognized the District's Classified Employees of the Year:

**Angela Middleton** – Office Professionals; **Barbara Baker**- Food Service

**Royce Howell** – Transportation; **James Davis** – Custodial; **Aiga Porter**: District Classified Employee of the Year.

### **SCHOOL ELECTION REPORT**

Dr. Whitten provided a report on the successful millage campaign on September 15; as well as the re-election of Ms. Karrie Goodman, and the election of Ms. Gina White. Dr. Whitten also thanked the Board, staff, and parents for their work and support in assuring the success of the millage campaign.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ASCIP ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the annual ASCIP Assurance Statement for 2015 as presented.

### **STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARDS – PERRITT**

Ms. Callie Hunley, Principal at Perritt Primary School, and Ms. Carrie Sharp, Instructional Facilitator, presented a proposal for standards-based report cards that compared the traditional method and the standards-based method; and distributed samples of the proposed format.

### **ADOPTION OF 2015-16 DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Superintendent presented the proposed district budget for 2015-16 as recommended by the Budget Committee. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the 2015-16 District budget as presented.

### **ADOPTION OF 2015-16 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

The Superintendent presented the proposed Special Education budget for 2015-16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to approve the 2015-16 Special Education budget as presented.

### **APPROVAL OF ASCIP REPORT FOR 2015**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the District's ASCIP report for 2015.

### **SELECTION OF BOARD DELEGATE TO ASBA CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 5-0 to select Dr. Harris as delegate to the 2015 ASBA Conference to be held in December..

### **AMEND AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to amend the agenda to add an item: "Consideration of Resolution for Purchase Authorization and Signing of Closing Statement and Affidavit of Title."

### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR LAND PURCHASE**

A motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 5-0 to approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to sign documents for purchase of property on High School Drive.

### **PERSONNEL:**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the following personnel actions:

#### **Resignation**

**Salma Shahid**, Child Care Paraprofessional (Early Childhood Center); effective 09-24-15.

#### **Medical Leave of Absence**

**Janice Wells**, Cafeteria Worker (Central Effective dates of 09-10-15 – 12-01-15)

#### **Employment**

**Fenton Runyan**, Part-time bus driver; 153-day contract – at scale; effective 09/22/15

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**