

## **ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES: JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 235 North Eleventh Street.

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

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with seven (7) members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2015; and special meeting of January 5, 2016 were approved as presented.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Dr. Jeanette Turner introduced Ms. Nancy Mortensen, GT Coordinator, who presented the Board an update on the process of the Cone Foundation grants for community-based projects. The grants are sponsored by Ross Foundation with selection process that incorporates members of the High School Gifted and Talented class. Following Ms. Mortensen's presentation, Dr. Turner recognized recipients of the most recent grants: Amanda McMillion, Perritt; Charlotte Dewitt, Central; Susan Sorrells & Shannon Prince, Peake;; Clair Mays, Dr. Virginia Anderson, and Mr. David Gustaveson, AHS; Mr. Bud McMillion, AHS; Ms. Kimberly Moore, AHS; and Courtney & Ben Barras, AHS;.

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Testing Coordinator, provided information on the District's testing schedule for 2016, and details of the ACT Aspire testing procedure that will be administered for Grades 3-10.

### **REPORT OF EXCELLENCE**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education was honored for their service, in observance of the statewide school board member recognition during the month of January. Dr. Whitten presented each board member a certificate of appreciation and read the proclamation signed by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for November and December.

### **ASBA CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

The Superintendent and board members Dr. Harris, Dr. Motl, and Ms. Goodman shared information from sessions they attended during the 2015 ASBA annual conference that was held in Little Rock December 9-11, 2015. Dr. Harris served as the District delegate.

### **PRESENTATION OF SIX-YEAR MASTER PLAN**

The Superintendent reported on recent meetings concerning the school construction projects, specifically addressing the square footage required to meet the needs of students and programs in our District. Dr. Whitten introduced Mr. Fred Cashaw, facilities consultant, who presented the proposed 2016 Six-Year Master Plan.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 7-0 to approve the proposed Six-Year Master plan as presented.

### **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

The Superintendent reported on the progress of planning meetings held recently with the architectural and building project construction management firms.

### **ANNUAL BOARD EVALUATION RESULTS**

The Board reviewed results of the annual board self-evaluation process. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of finding a different board evaluation/assessment instrument.

### **PERSONNEL**

The Board and Superintendent retired to executive session at 7:25 p.m. to consider recommendations for parental and medical leave of absence requests.

In open session following executive session, the following recommendations were presented by the Superintendent. A motion was made by Dr. Motl, seconded by Dr. Harris, and carried 7-0 to approve the recommendations:

#### **Leave of Absence**

**Courtney Barras**, teacher (AHS); Parental leave from 03/03/16 to approximately 04/04/16

**Kyla Williams**, teacher (Central); Parental leave from 04/11/16 to approximately 05/23/16

**Kimberly Moore**, teacher (AHS); Medical leave from 01/04/16 to 02/08/16

**Lisa Stanley**, teacher (AHS); Medical leave from 02/01/16 to 02/29/16

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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**MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY**