

**ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, August 19, 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. Terri King, Secretary; Mr. Billy Groom, Mr. Randy Turner, Ms. Karrie Goodman, and Dr. Casey Motl .

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved minutes of the meetings of June 17, July 1, and August 5, 2014 as presented.

REPORT OF EXCELLENCE/INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

During the Report of Excellence, Ms. Judith Davis, Coordinator of AACE received an award for the Arkadelphia Public School AACE program for five consecutive years of Math improvement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District financial statements for June and July. Dr. Whitten reported that the District ended the fiscal year with approximately 3.8 million dollars balance. The Budget committee is working to present the proposed 2014-15 budget at the September board meeting.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION UPDATE

Dr. Whitten announced the dates of September 9-15th for early and absentee voting only in the annual school election, due to unopposed board positions. The election will be final on the 16th.

CONSIDERATION OF BACK TO SCHOOL BONUS

Mr. Bud McMillion, PPC chairperson, presented the PPC and staff recommendation to approve the proposed \$400 back to school bonus to all fulltime staff members. A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve the bonus.

CONSIDERATION OF MILK AND BREAD BIDS

The Superintendent presented the food service bids for purchase of milk and bread during the 2014-15 school year as follows:

Milk Bids – received only one bid from Hiland Dairy: ½ pint white milk: \$.36; ½ pint chocolate milk: \$.36.

Bread Bids - received two bids: Bimbo Bakeries: Sandwich loaf \$1.13, Hamburger buns \$1.20, Hot dog buns \$1.39. Flowers Baking Company: Sandwich loaf \$1.65, Hamburger buns \$1.80, Hot dog buns \$1.80

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the bids of Hiland Dairy and Bimbo Bakeries for milk and bread purchases.

CONSIDERATION OF USED TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

The Superintendent presented bids that were accepted for used transportation vehicles that were advertised for bidding in July. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to approve the following bids

Rowdy Ursery: 1995 International bus #14: \$1750.50; **Sherry Benker**: 1995 International Bus #29: \$1105.00; International Bus #280: \$1101.00; and 1992 Oldsobile Car: \$150.00;
Randy Weems: 1998 Chevrolet Van: \$325.00; **J.T. Egger**: 1953 Ford Tractor: \$250.00.

SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

Superintendent Whitten expressed appreciation to staff, administration, parents and students for a successful opening of school. Dr. Whitten updated the Board on staff professional development activities that were provided prior to school opening.

CHILDRENS INTERNET PROTECTION ACT REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

A report to the public on CIPA requirements was presented by the Superintendent, as well as acknowledgment that Arkadelphia School District is in compliance with CIPA standards.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Superintendent and Board discussed scheduling of a Board training session for study circles facilitated by an ASBA trainer. Possible dates of either September 2 or 9th were discussed with hours of 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Dr. Whitten will notify the Board on the date that will be available.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. King, and carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations

Ashley Hunter, Paraprofessional (Perritt); effective August 5, 2014

Sharon Robinson, Paraprofessional (Perritt); effective August 18, 2014

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Employment

Melainie Williams, Fulltime Bus Driver; 178-day contract – at scale

Mike Morrow, Fulltime Bus Driver; 178-day contract – at scale

Sadie Hardin, PreK Paraprofessional (Perritt); 191-day contract – at scale

Marika Roberts, PreK Paraprofessional (Perritt); 191-day contract – at scale

Chrystal Harrison, PreK Teacher's Aide (Peake Rosenwald; 191-day contract – at scale

Following the Superintendent's review of fall board event scheduling, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

MS. TERRI KING, SECRETARY