

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES: FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 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; Mr. Randy Turner, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Gina White. Members absent: Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary; and Mr. Billy Groom.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2016; and special meeting of February 2, 2016 were approved as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Angela Garner, Principal of Goza Middle School, led members of the Goza STARS Committee (Students, Teachers, and Relationships) in the Instructional Report to the Board. Members include, Dr. Virginia Anderson, Director of Federal Programs and Administrative Services, Ms. Sharon Clark, Career Orientation teacher, Principal Angela Garner, Counselors, Ms. Vanilla Hannah and Ms. Dana Tuggle; and Ms. Lakesha Berry, Information and Communication Technology Teacher. The focus is to bring students into interactive relationships with teacher in the goal of using a guided lesson plan that will assist in building relationships to reinforce positive behavioral traits among students. Currently thirty-six Goza faculty members serve as STAR advisors for groups of ten to twelve middle school students for monthly meetings.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for January, 2016.

FACILITIES UPDATE

The Superintendent reported that planning is continuing on both building projects with architectural, facility management, and construction management teams. Dr. Whitten stated that he will schedule a board workshop on the progress in the coming weeks.

PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the 2016 Partnership Resolution for project submittal to the Division of the Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. The Plan includes future renovation of the High School Little Theater and Gymnasium, as well as renovation and expansion of the Band Hall.

ASCIP UPDATE

Dr. Virginia Anderson presented an update on new ASCIP (Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan) software and details of the District's procedure.

CONSIDERATION OF 2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent explained the process of designing and adopting the school calendar through certified staff discussion and consideration of options presented by the Personnel Policy Committee to all certified staff. The final voting results were: 114 for Option A; 11 for Option B.

Upon the recommendation of the Administration and PPC a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 5-0 to approve Option A as the 2016-17 district calendar.

CONSIDERATION OF BUS REPAIR EXPENDITURE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 5-0 to approve the expenditure of \$10,395.89 TO ARTEX Truck Center, Texarkana AR for the repair of Bus #10 .

PERSONNEL

The Board and Superintendent retired to executive session at 6:58 p.m. to consider personnel recommendations for leave of absence, resignation, and renewal of contracts for administrators and Superintendent.

In open session following executive session, the following actions were considered:

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

Leave of Absence

Beverly Slavens, Teacher (AHS) Medical Leave - 02/10/2016 to 03/07/16.

Resignation

Don Nesbit, Spanish Teacher (AHS) Effective end of 2015 -16 school year.

Renewal of Administrators

Virginia Anderson	Melinda Morris	Carla Narlesky
Jeanette Turner	Nikki Thomas	Randy Hicks
Libby Wheaton	Angela Garner	Jimmy King
Patricia Wright	David Maxwell	Chris Babb
Callie Hunley	Cheryl Merk	

Renewal of Superintendent Contract

Renew the contract of Superintendent Donnie Whitten with extension of one (1) year to total three (3) year contract, with salary and benefits TBD

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY