

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: January 20, 2015

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 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 minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, and December 16, 2014 were approved as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Ms. Melinda Morris, principal of Central Primary School, and a team composed of all second grade teachers presented a report on a recent student/family study unit project centered on building bridges that was featured during the Central Family Night of January 13.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ASBA CONFERENCE REPORT

Dr. Kenneth Harris, Dr. Jeff Root, and Dr. Whitten provided information from the December annual ASBA conference.

COMMUNITY COUNSELING PRESENTATION

Ms. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Ms. Monica Roberts and Mr. James Ezell, representatives of Community Counseling who gave an update on the recent transition process of the agency's mental health counseling team into the District.

OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING PARCC

Ms. Turner presented the schedule of the upcoming online PARCC assessment system, as well as other student testing systems.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD SCHOOL CAMPUS TOURS

Dr. Whitten led the Board in discussion of possible dates to schedule school campus tours for the Board during a regular school day. The dates of February 3 and 10 were proposed, and are to be coordinated by the Superintendent.

UPDATE ON PROJECT CONNECT

Dr. Casey Motl provided a report on the planning process of training facilitators and implementing the Project Connect process. The Board discussed having the project's board subcommittee reconvene in order to finalize recommendation for the process, prior to the February 3 board agenda meeting.

STUDENT POLICY REVISION/ADOPTION

The Superintendent provided information regarding the Arkansas State Department of Education five-year standards review of the District's policy and instructional programs to be conducted on January 22, 2015.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to suspend the rules in order to grant final approval to policy revision and adoption as presented by the Administration.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 7-0 to grant final approval to the following presented policies:

- 4.2 Entrance Requirements (Revision)
- 4.4 Student Transfer Policy (Revision)
- 4.45 Smart Core Curriculum (Revision)
- 4.44 Attendance Requirements for Students Grades 9-12 (Adoption)
- 4.38 Permanent Records (Adoption)

5 policies are being presented for - Revision or Adoption are being presented tonight
Need to suspend the rules to implement tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PILOT INFORMATION

The Board discussed the pilot program for superintendent evaluation that began in January with training for board members and superintendents. The training will be completed in May.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session to consider recommendations for resignations, employment, and personnel leave requests at 7:32 p.m.

In open session following executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve the following actions upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Employment

Olivia Robinson, Fulltime Bus Driver; effective 1-07-15; 94-day contract – at scale
Sadie Hardin, Elementary teacher (Central); remainder of the year only – at scale

Medical Leave of Absence

Mary Thomas, Middle School teacher (Goza); Dates of 1-2-15 - 2-09-15.

Parental/Family Leave of Absence

LaQuita Jones, Elementary teacher (Central); Dates of 1-05-2015 – 2-17-2015
Gwen Fullen, Elementary music teacher (Peake) Dates of 2-27=2015 – 3-30-2015

Resignation

Brandi Cotton, Elementary teacher (Peake); Effective 1-21-2015

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY