

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: November 17, 2015

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, November 17, 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; Mr. Randy Turner, Mr. Billy Groom, Dr. Casey Motl, and Ms. Gina White. Member absent: Ms. Karrie Goodman, Secretary;

The President called the meeting to order and established a quorum with six (6) members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, and special meetings of November 5, 10 (2), and November 11, 2015, were approved as presented.

~ **Ms. Karrie Goodman** joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT AND REPORT OF EXCELLENCE

During the instructional staff who were recipients of Ross Foundation Grants were featured: Miesha Parker, music teacher - Perritt; Ms. Charlotte Dewitt, counselor - Central; Ms. Jenny Coon, Health and Physical Education teacher - Goza; Team composed of; Dr. Virginia Anderson, Ms. Angela Garner. Ms. Dana Tuggle, Ms. Shannon Prince; and Mr. Bud McMillion. Ms. Callie Hunley, principal at Perritt; Ms. Carrie Sharp, instructional facilitator; Ms. Melinda Morris, Central principal; and Ms. Nikki Thomas, Peake principal; presented a board instructional report on **RTI** (Response to Intervention). The program is an Arkansas initiative, multi-tiered prevention system of support, and a framework for the purpose of providing a continuum of services for all students focused on effective instruction to enhance student growth, and support beyond the core curriculum program.

FINANCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF STAFF BONUS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 7-0 to approve a \$150.00 Christmas bonus to every contracted employee of Arkadelphia Public Schools.

ASBA MEETING

The Superintendent updated the Board regarding the annual Arkansas School Board Association Conference to be held in Little Rock December 9-11. Several of the Board members have been registered to attend the meeting, with Dr. Kenneth Harris serving as the Board's voting delegate. Superintendent Whitten will be a presenter for break-out sessions on "Millage Elections in Arkansas - Strategies for Planning a Successful Campaign".

ANNUAL BOARD EVALUATION

The Board discussed timelines for turning in the individual board self-evaluation summaries to Board Secretary, Karrie Goodman.

CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Motl, and carried 7-0 to forego both regularly scheduled December board meetings, with the understanding of scheduling special meetings as necessary

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The Superintendent provided an update regarding the District's building program progress, reporting that the Board had voted to hire NABHOLZ Construction as the project's construction management firm. The administrative personnel will be conducting meetings with the Architectural firm regarding building designs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Whitten provided information on recent accomplishments of the AHS Dazzlers who placed second in state competitions; and the AHS Badgers who won the first round of the playoff games on November 13 and will advance to the second round playing Fountain Lake on November 20, 2015.

PERSONNEL

The Board and Superintendent retired to executive session at 7:20 p.m. to consider personnel recommendations for:

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

Resignation

Latina Sisco, Secretary/Bookkeeper at AHS; Effective 12/31/2015.

Medical Leave

Amanda Stephenson, Teacher/Coach - Goza; Effective dates of 11/19/15 – 01/04/16.

Shawna Childs, Teacher - Perritt; Effective date of 11/12/15 – TBD.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY