

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Minutes: June 16, 2015

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

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 May 19; special meeting of May 19, and special meeting of June 2, 2015 were approved as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

The Instructional Report presented by Dr. Patricia Wright, featured information regarding the summer youth programs. Dr. Wright reported that the five-year grant for funding the Boys and Girls Club has ended, and that the program is now operating independently with local board governance. Dr. Whitten, Superintendent, stated that the District is providing space and utilities for the operation.

Summer programs provided through the District include APSD Early Childhood Center, Peake Rosenwald Early Childhood Center, Prime Time Summer Program at Peake Rosenwald, and Summer feeding program at Goza Middle School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to grant final approval to revision of Policy 4.5 - School Choice.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the District's financial statements for May, 2015.

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES/RESOLUTION

Jason Holsclaw financial advisor of Stephens; Inc., reviewed the District's Proposed Budget of Expenditures for 2015,16.; and explained that Board approval of the annual document would inform the public of the Board's intentions for a millage increase, to be distributed as follows: 2 mills for MO (including salary increases), 3.75 for projects (total 5.75)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the resolution for adoption of the 2015-16 proposed budget of expenditures as presented, retaining Stephens, Inc. as the agency for bond issue transactions.

SCHOOL ELECTION INFORMATION TIMELINE

Dr. Donnie Whitten, Superintendent, presented the timeline for the annual school election: Filing timeline: June 7 – July 7; Board positions open: Zones 6 and 7; and date for annual school election: Tuesday, September 15 from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Arkadelphia Recreation Center.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED PAYSCALE REVISION

The Board received an updated classified salary schedule for consideration of adjustments necessary to meet new hourly requirements for full-time employees from minimum of \$8.26 hourly to \$8.32 hourly. Additionally, the salary schedule amount for classified substitutes was

changed from \$55 to \$60 to meet the legal guidelines.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 6-0 to approve changes to the classified personnel payscale as presented; and to meet the requirements of adopting the present certified payscale on an annual basis.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR 2015-16

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to adopt the current personnel policies for 2015-16.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Recommendations for revision to the campus student handbooks were presented by principals. Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the recommended revisions to student handbooks for 2015-16.

CONSIDERATION OF ONE-SOURCE BID FOR DISTRICT PROGRAM LICENSE

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried 6-0 to approve the one-source bid from Edmentum in the amount of \$26,187.42 for purchase of District licenses for the PLATO, Study Island, Reading Eggs, and Education City programs.

CONSIDERATION OF ONE SOURCE BID FOR PURCHASE OF CAREER ED COMPUTERS

Upon the recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Goodman, and carried 6-0 to approve the one-source bid from Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$35,396.66 for purchase of an iMac computer lab for the Banking/Digital Communications Programs at AHS for the purpose of meeting Arkansas Department of Workforce Education standards as required for Apple workstations.

CONSIDERATION OF JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried 6-0 to cancel the regular July meeting schedule of board meetings, with the Board being subject to called meetings should it be necessary.

PERSONNEL

The Board retired to executive session at 7:14 p.m. to consider employment and resignation recommendations.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. White, and carried 6-0 to approve the following :

Resignation

Tiffany Seymore, Childcare staff (Early Childhood Center); Effective 05/15/2015

Employment

Garret Garner, Teacher/Coach (Goza) 209-day contract, at scale; effective 07/17/2015

Stephen Danny Duvall, Mathematics teacher (AHS) 191-day contract, at scale

Maria Pinkerton, Music teacher (AHS/Goza) 191-day contract , at scale

Lakesha Berry, Business Tech teacher (AHS) 206-day contract, at scale; effective 07/24/2015

Jacqueline Hale, Cafeteria Manager (Perritt) 178-day contract, at scale

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MS. KARRIE GOODMAN, SECRETARY

