

MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, February 18, 2014, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Will Robbins, Brian Kesterson, Edd Puckett, Judith Roberson, Robert Hines and Kyle Cannon. Clint Montgomery was absent

President Robbins asked Brian Kesterson to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from previous Board meeting were reviewed. Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Robert Hines seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston reported break ins to our bus garage and annex building last week, there were no signs of forced entry. The Mena Police Department is investigating. Various tools and drills were taken from the bus garage and new cameras were taken from the annex building. A couple of drills were also taken from our maintenance department. Approximately 100 gallons of diesel was siphoned out of buses. With this in mind, Mr. Weston is looking in to fencing the compound off for security and theft. Our bus inspections and record keeping have been completed with good reports on both. Mr. Weston has started meeting quarterly in the PAC with Joe, James and the bus drivers. Drivers give their input for changes and/or problems with transportation. Mr. Weston stated we have made up one snow day by attending school on President's Day and at this point, the last day of school will be June 2nd. Meetings with principals, department heads, teachers and staff are being conducted to make a decision on the feasibility of a 7 period day. Mr. Weston congratulated Race Hobson and Connor Purvis for making All-State Band. Also, Mr. Weston received a call from the state department recognizing Connie Davis for establishing our ALE program. In this regard, an ALE team consisting of Shane Torix and Karen Parnell along with 3 or 4 ALE students will travel to the capital to receive statewide recognition. Our Senior girls basketball are ranked 2nd in the district, automatically qualifying them for the regional tournament in Lincoln.

President Robbins continued meeting with new business.

Mr. Weston explained the Arkansas School Boards Association Advocacy Network. A board member could serve as a legislative liaison in the legislative process for the ASBA. The board felt Mr. Weston keeps them well informed with proceedings and no board member volunteered to serve. No action was taken.

Judith Roberson a motion to pay the bills. Brian Kesterson seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

In personnel matters, Mr. Weston made the following recommendations:

To accept the retirement of Kimberly Pymn, Federal Programs Coordinator/Staff Development.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's retirement recommendation. Judith seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

To renew the following Administration Licensed Personnel contracts for 2014-2015:

Ken Marshall, Assistant Superintendent
Shane Torix, Principal Mena High School
Steven Breedlove, Assistant Principal Mena High School
Mike Hobson, Principal Mena Middle School
Clifton Sherrer, Assistant Principal Mena Middle School
Paulette Sherrer, Principal Holly Harshman Elementary
Jimma Holder, Principal Louise Durham Elementary

Judith Roberson made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's recommendations. Will Robbins seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Robbins, President

Kyle Cannon, Secretary