

# MENA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**JUNE 17, 2014**

## MINUTES

The Mena School Board met in regular session on Tuesday night, June 17, 2014, in the Administration Building Board Room, with the following members present: Will Robbins, Kyle Cannon, Edd Puckett, Judith Roberson, and Clint Montgomery. Brian Kesterson and Robert Hines were absent.

Will Robbins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Clint Montgomery to open the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from previous Board meetings were reviewed. Judith Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

President Robbins moved to Superintendent's Report, Mr. Weston asked to move his report to the end of meeting.

Two Building and Property Insurance Bids were received and opened - from Arkansas School Boards Association and from Mena Insurance Agency. After discussion and comparison, Clint Montgomery made a motion to approve the Arkansas School Boards Association bid for \$73,580.00, contingent on \$10,000 deductible and using our Statement of Values of \$85,719,000.00. Edd Puckett seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

One Bread Bid was received and opened from Bimbo Bakeries USA - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Bimbo Bakeries USA, OKC Bid as follows:

20 count per pkg - 1 1/2 SW Bread whole wheat	\$1.73
12 count per pkg - Hamburger Buns whole wheat	\$1.65
16 count per pkg - Hot Dog Buns whole wheat	\$1.90
06 count per pkg - Sub SW 53% whole grain	\$1.49

Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

One Milk Bid was received from Hiland Dairy Foods of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Judith Roberson made a motion to accept Hiland Dairy Foods Bid as follows:

½ pints 1% milk	\$.3440
½ pints choc fat free milk	\$.3568
4 oz orange juice	\$.1882
4 oz apple juice	\$.1850

Including the milk escalator / de-escalator pricing clause (DFA supplied)

Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Mr. Weston stated extra milk prices would need to be increased at the July meeting.

Kyle Cannon made the following motion: to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal year Beginning July 1, 2015 to and including June 30, 2016 and to approve all related election documents. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to enter into a resolution to grant an easement to the City of Mena for sidewalks that represent the Safe Walk to School Grant and also grant Benny Weston, Superintendent, authority to sign all documents on behalf of the Mena School Board. Judith Roberson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item #5, Board Resolution – Union Bank of Mena, Kyle Cannon excused himself and Carla Myers stepped out of meeting as well to due to their relationships with Union Bank of Mena. Judith Roberson made a motion to accept the Resolution of the District checking account and to enter into a contract with the bank for a 2 year period pending approval by the Arkansas Department of Education per A.C.A.6-24-102, to approve the attached Resolution and the Disclosure form for submittal the Arkansas Department of Education as required by A.C.A. 6-24-106 for Board member Kyle Cannon and Business Manager Carla A. Myers. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Kyle Cannon and Carla Myers re-entered the meeting.

Mr. Weston informed the Board with the district adding a pre-school classroom, there is a possibility the district would need to carry liability insurance on the students enrolled in the one pre-school class. Mr. Weston will keep the Board informed. No action was taken.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant notification was received stating Louise Durham would receive \$35,645 in grant funds. Holly Harshman and Mena Middle School did not receive grants this year. No action was taken.

Mr. Weston informed the board the School Choice deadline was June 1st. Our District has received forms on three (3) students choosing to enroll in our schools from the Ouachita River School District. Accepting these three (3) students would not exceed our 3% cap and Mr. Weston asked the board's permission notify the households before August 1st of the student's acceptance. Edd Puckett made a motion to notify the households now of the students acceptances. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Congratulations were given by Ken Marshall, Athletic Director, on behalf of the Board, Administration, and staff to the following students for making the Arkansas Activities Association All-star teams and playing next week: Natalie Rose and Maegan Kent, Volleyball; Meagan Boyd, Soccer, and Ariel Hartin, Softball. Mr. Weston also congratulated AAA All-star coaching staff: Coach Lyle, Volleyball, Coach Bledsoe, Soccer, and Coach Hunter, Softball. The Board was notified Meagan Boyd will be traveling out of state and would not participate in the Soccer game.

Mr. Weston continued the meeting with his Superintendent Report. Mr. Weston informed the Board of continued Broad Band issues and the possibilities of increasing access at

Louise Durham, Holly Harshman and Mena Middle School before school starts. The District would be required to run lines from our points of service in to our buildings to allow room for more fiber optic lines. Several summer projects are underway at each campus, specifically room changes and designs at Louise Durham Elementary allowing expansion for the new pre-K classroom and re-designing offices and other spaces. Improvements to the Mena High School Agri storage shed area. Several sidewalk areas planned on area campuses. Holly Harshman to receive floor tile, and roof leaks are being maintained. Mr. Weston stated school medical insurance is being worked on daily and expects a special session to be called.

Judith Roberson made a motion to pay bills. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston made the following personnel recommendations:

RESIGNATIONS:

Bobby Tedder – Secondary  
James Maestri – Junior High Band Instructor  
Chelsea Slagle – Secondary

RETIREMENT:

Mitzi Peters – Bus driver

Judith Roberson made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's recommendations. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston made the following hire recommendations:

Tia Fryar – Secondary – Assistant Junior Volleyball and Assistant Junior girls Basketball Coach  
Joshua Bradford – Junior High Band Instructor

Judith Roberson made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's recommendations. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Weston recommended we enter into a cooperative agreement with Mineral Springs School District to use Wendy Reed as Director of Federal Programs.

Kyle Cannon made a motion to accept Mr. Weston's recommendation. Clint Montgomery seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved to adjourn.

President Robbins reconvened the board meeting for personnel.

Mr. Weston recommended the Board resend the stipend offered to Paulette Sherrer as Federal Programs Coordinator.

Judith Roberson made a motion to approve Mr. Weston's recommendation. Kyle Cannon seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Judith Roberson moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Robbins, President

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Kyle Cannon, Secretary