



***Dardanelle School District
Board of Education Meeting***

August 12, 2013
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Sherry Hicks, President
Jerry Don Woods, Vice-President
Jody Sigle, Secretary **Absent**
Brandon Carter
Jerry Dawson

I. Call to Order

President Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sigle was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Administrators thanked the Dardanelle Chamber of Commerce for providing the back to school breakfast for teachers and staff this morning. Mr. Thompson noted a pre-enrollment number of 2059 with expectations that the number will fluctuate. Primary staff has moved to their new facility with open house to be held Sunday, August 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Jernigan thanked volunteers, teachers, friends, and family members who have stepped in to help teachers set up their new classrooms noting it was amazing to see everyone work together. Elementary open house is tomorrow night from 6-7 p.m. Middle School reported a very productive first day back with teachers. High School teachers worked on curricular issues and test data today.

B. Curriculum Report

Mr. Burris, along with Mrs. Kuras, has completed twelve days of teacher evaluation training. In addition, he provided the board with an overview of the AR-TESS Teacher Track System and updated the board on the status of federal funds.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,966,246.21 in total operating funds and \$1,191,627.59 in total building funds as of July 31, 2013.

D. Maintenance and Transportation Report

Mr. Vestal reported that bus summer maintenance is almost complete. Transportation will be a challenge with the rising number of special education routes and he may need to add another route in the near future. Traffic around the new primary will be monitored closely to ensure the start of school goes smoothly.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Food Service Management Consultant Companies

Two companies (Chartwells and Southwest Foodservice) presented the board, students, and staff a food sampling of their menus. The board discussed the consultant versus procurement models in addition to what each company had to offer.

Mr. Woods moved to amend the agenda to add action item C. Food Service Management Consultant Company. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Action Items (By Consensus)

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommended approval of the July bills for payment as submitted.

Mr. Woods moved to approve all of the action items by consensus. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Action Items

A. Petition for Reinstatement of Previously Expelled Student

Name omitted has requested to appear before the board to request reinstatement after his expulsion on April 29, 2013 for bringing a weapon to school.

The student and his mother requested a closed hearing. The board adjourned to closed session at 8:32 p.m. and returned at 9:07 p.m.

Mr. Woods moved to reinstate *name omitted* as of August 19, 2013 with the stipulation that he follow the guidelines as recommended by Mrs. Lawrence. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Petition for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer from *name omitted* on behalf of her daughter, *name omitted*, to transfer from Two Rivers to Dardanelle. She will be in third grade.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the petition for student transfer as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Food Service Management Consultant Company

Administration recommended approval of the board to initiate a request for bids for a food service management consultant.

The board discussed at length the pros and cons of having a consultant versus a procurement agreement. Mr. Woods moved to initiate a request for bids for a food service management consultant. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Authorization to Obtain Sealed Bids for Selling Two Portable Buildings

Administration recommended approval of the board to obtain sealed bids for the sale of the portable building at the elementary and the building next to the central office.

Mr. Dawson moved to approve obtaining sealed bids for the two portable buildings as specified. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Authorization to Proceed with Process of Appraising Hillside Property

Administration requested board approval to proceed with the process of appraising the hillside property located on Liberty Road.

Mr. Woods moved to proceed with the appraisal process as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.



Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:32 p.m. and returned at 9:07 p.m.

Employment

Administration recommended the following *Lane Changes* for the 2013-2014 school year:

Laurie Gagne
Will McCrotty

Amy Montgomery
Vandy Moore

Brittany Curtis
Lisa Lawrence

Mr. Woods moved to approve the lane changes as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

Administration recommended employing *Emily Wesley* with a BA and 0 years of experience as a Primary Instructor effective the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended a lane change for *Alisha Flores* from Aide I, Step 11, to In-School Suspension Aide II, Step 11, effective the 2013-2014 school year. **Please note her lane change from an Aide I to Aide II will result in a salary increase of \$4075.00 which must be approved by the board as required under A.C.A. §6-13-635.

Administration recommended employing *Regina Mobley* as an Elementary Special Education Aide II, Step 5, effective the 2013-2014 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing *Kevin Brown* as a Bus Driver, Step 5, effective the 2013-2014 school year. He is currently on our substitute list and has completed all pre-employment background checks.

Mr. Carter moved to accept administration's recommendation of employment as submitted for Emily Wesley, Alisha Flores, Regina Mobley, and Kevin Brown. Motion carried 4-0.

Resignation

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Sharon Branstetter* effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Kelly Lilley* effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Whitney Wilkins* effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. Dawson moved to accept the resignations as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Woods moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Sherry Hicks, President

Jody Sigle, Secretary