



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

October 14, 2013
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Sherry Hicks, President
Jerry Don Woods, Vice-President Absent
Jody Sigle, Secretary
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. Woods was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Board Reorganization

President Hicks opened the floor for nominations to reorganize the board officer positions and committees.

Nominations were as follows:

President: Sherry Hicks
Vice President: Jerry Don Woods
Secretary: Brandon Carter
Disbursing Officer: Jerry Don Woods
Alternate: Jody Sigle

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the officer nominations as noted above. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget: Brandon Carter, Jerry Don Woods, John Thompson, Jennifer Thaxton

Policy: Jody Sigle, Sherry Hicks, John David Keeling, John Thompson

Long Range Planning (Facilities): Jody Sigle, Jerry Dawson, Marcia Lawrence
Terry Laughinghouse, Sue Ann Jernigan, John Thompson

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the committees as nominated. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Parent teacher conferences are next week. Administrators thanked those who helped make the district wide flu shot clinic a success. Primary continues efforts to improve the playground as new equipment has been ordered and bids have been sent out for fencing. Elementary recently participated in a fundraiser with proceeds going toward the Louise Underwood Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Keeling thanked high school sponsor, Divella Gray, for her work on the recent powder puff game as the proceeds from the game went towards supporting the backpack program. High school is celebrating homecoming this week. Mrs. Lawrence provided a PowerPoint of the 21st Century Grant Program and would like the blessing of the board to reapply for the grant with Mr. Jamie Burris serving as the director. The 21st Century Grant has enabled high school students to receive before/after school tutoring, credit recovery classes, and CPEP training. The board agreed this was a positive program and expressed their support in reapplying for the grant.

B. Curriculum Report

Karie Kuras provided an overview of the district's participation in the 2014 PARCC Field Test. In addition, she provided the board with projected technology costs for each building. Additional computers/technology will be required to meet the needs of new testing requirements.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,867,234.80 in total operating funds and \$912,018.14 in total building funds as of September 30, 2013.

D. Maintenance and Transportation Report

ED Vestal, operations supervisor, provided the maintenance and transportation report. He has researched used buses and has found a 2007 International RE, 84 Passenger, VT365 Diesel bus. Mr. Vestal has inspected the bus and believes it will be an excellent addition to the bus fleet.

Mr. Sigle moved to amend the agenda to add Action Item. C. Purchase of Bus to the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Discussion Items

None

VI. Action Items (By Consensus)

A. Approval of Minutes

Administration recommended approval of the September 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommended approval of the September 2013 bills for payment as submitted.

C. Approval of Attorney Sharon Carden Street Retainer

Administration recommended approving a retainer for Sharon Carden Street, Attorney at Law.

D. Board Policy Updates

Administration recommended approving the following board policy updates after approval from the policy committee:

4.1	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.22	4.23
4.35	4.35F	4.35F2	4.35F3	4.35F4	4.37
4.43	4.45	4.47	5.19	5.19.2	5.19.2F

Mr. Sigle noted that policy 4.7 regarding student absences would need to have the specified number of unexcused/excused absences. Administration recommended the policy read 6 excused absences and 4 unexcused absences.

E. ASBA Business Trip Accident Insurance

Administration recommended renewing “Business Trip Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage” through Arkansas School Boards Association as submitted for coverage effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve all of the action items by consensus with the noted change in board policy 4.7. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. Action Items

A. Key Club

Administration recommended approving the addition of a Key Club at High School.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the addition of a key club as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Purchase of Service Truck

Administration recommended approving the purchase of a district maintenance truck from Wheeler Auto in the amount of \$39,995.00 as per the attached bid. Bids were advertised in The Courier as required by the bidding process and this was the lone bid.

Mr. Dawson moved to approve the purchase of the maintenance truck as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Purchase of Bus

Administration recommended approving the purchase of a 2007 International RE, 84 Passenger, VT365 Diesel bus in the amount of \$53,000.00 including delivery.

Mr. Dawson moved to approve the purchase of the bus as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.



Executive Session

Employment

Administration recommended approving a maternity leave request from Lori Stokes on or around November 11, 2013 for six weeks.

Administration recommended approving a maternity leave request from Melissa Scott on or around January 29, 2014 for twelve weeks.

Administration recommended employing Tamera Knake as a Bus Driver, Step 3, effective October 15, 2013. She is currently a substitute and has passed the required background checks.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the executive session as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

IX. Adjourn

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Sherry Hicks, President

Brandon Carter, Secretary