



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

January 13, 2014
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

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

I. Call to Order

President Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Primary students enjoyed their first day on the new playground equipment today. Primary will host Muffins with Moms on Tuesday and Donuts with Dads on Thursday. Mrs. Jernigan noted this was a great way to say “thank you” to parents for their support. Elementary teachers participated in a walkthrough of what will be the intermediate building next year. They also continue work on their professional growth plans. Elementary will host regional quiz bowl and the county spelling bee later this month. Middle school staff, including the upcoming 6th grade staff, worked on their mission and vision statements for the new middle school. They also participated in a walkthrough of what will be the new middle school next year. Mrs. Lawrence discussed the need for a prerequisite ACT score for students wishing to participate in the concurrent credit program noting she would like direction from the board on what they would like to set as the minimum score. After an in-depth discussion, Mr. Woods moved to add Action Item D. Concurrent Prerequisite Requirement to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Curriculum Report/Homeless Report

Mr. Keeling, district homeless liaison, presented the board an overview of the implementation of the backpack program. With help from the community, the backpack program has grown and provides food for students in need. A PowerPoint that was presented at the Arkansas School Boards Association state meeting is included with the minutes. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Keeling for his work on this project and for presenting the information to the school boards association annual meeting.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,925,665.72 in total operating funds and \$1,214,132.39 in total building funds as of December 31, 2013.

D. Maintenance and Transportation Report

Mr. Vestal thanked the bus drivers for a job well done during the recent ice storm. The district had visits from the facilities division and the labor division. The district passed the inspections with flying colors. Painting and carpet removal continues on what will be the new intermediate building.

IV. Discussion Items

Mr. Woods noted the complimentary article on Dardanelle in The Report Card published by Arkansas School Boards Association noting that it shows how the district is providing public education in the right way.

President Hicks requested and received updates from administration on the outsourcing of foodservice and the status of employing another school resource officer.

V. Action Items (By Consensus)

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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

Mr. Dawson moved to approve the action items by consensus. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Action Items

A. Student Discipline Hearings

Mrs. Hicks advised each student and their parent of their rights for the hearings to be held in private. Both students expressed their wishes for their hearing to be held privately. The board adjourned at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Woods moved to readmit *name omitted* to the Dardanelle High School effective tomorrow ending his time served under his suspension. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sigle moved to expel *name omitted* from the Dardanelle School District indefinitely. He must appear before the board before he can be readmitted. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Merritt Park Usage Agreements

Administration recommended approving the contact with the City of Dardanelle for Merritt Park usage for the baseball and softball fields as per the enclosed contract.

Mr. Woods moved to approve the contract with the City of Dardanelle for Merritt Park usage as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Amended 2013-2014 School Calendar

Administration recommended amending the 2013-2014 school year calendar as follows:

December 9, 2013	Change to teacher flex day	(previously school in session)
January 20, 2014	Change to teacher flex day	(previously was a holiday)
February 14, 2014	Change to school in session	(previously was a teacher flex day)
April 18, 2014	Change to school in session	(previously was a teacher flex day)

D. Concurrent Credit Prerequisite Requirement

After discussion with Mrs. Lawrence and the board, administration recommended requiring a minimum ACT score of 21 on reading and English as a prerequisite requirement to participate in the concurrent credit program.

Mr. Dawson moved to approve the recommendation as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.



Executive Session

Employment

Administration recommended amending the contract of Steve Freeman for the 2013-2014 school year for the additional duties of 21st Century Grant Tutor at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Administration recommended transferring Phil Vega from assistant baseball coach to head girls soccer coach effective January 7, 2014. This will result in stipend change from \$2000.00 for assistant baseball to \$2600.00 for head soccer coach.

Administration recommended amending the contract of Lonna Gae Gault for the 2013-2014 school year for extracurricular duties of servicing special education files. With board approval, she will be paid one-seventh of her salary beginning January 8, 2014.

Administration recommended granting a maternity leave request for Elizabeth George for six weeks on or around February 7, 2014.

Resignation

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of Patrick Riley effective January 7, 2014.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of Todd Winesburg effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the above employment recommendations and resignations as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Contract:

The current contract of the Superintendent is effective through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Woods moved to extend the contract of Mr. Thompson through June 30, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 9:05 p.m. Mr. Sigle moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Sherry Hicks, President

Brandon Carter, Secretary