



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

February 10, 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

Parent teacher conferences are this week. Primary teachers continue CGI training. Mrs. Jernigan, with the assistance of Mr. Jamie Burris, Mrs. Karie Kuras, and Mrs. Jan George, has implemented a newcomer's class for new students to the district. This class is especially beneficial for English learners. Elementary quiz bowl finished 2nd in region and will advance to the state competition. Elementary students will participate in a water safety project in conjunction with the Corp of Engineers. Middle School participated in the Yell County Spelling Bee, quiz bowl, and will participate in an upcoming Speak Up Speak Out competition. Mrs. Lawrence gave the board an overview of the high school's preliminary plan when they expand to the middle school building as well as additional staff she may possibly need.

B. Curriculum Report

New teachers will have their quarterly meeting again with Mrs. Kuras and Mr. Burris. They have observed new teachers and this will give them an opportunity to discuss ways they can learn and improve. Mr. Burris provided the board an overview of three grants they have applied for: a middle school STEM grant, after school grant, and fresh fruits & vegetable program grant.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,822,159.39 in total operating funds and \$1,422,324.75 in total building funds as of January 31, 2014.

D. Maintenance and Transportation Report

Mr. Vestal updated the board on plans for the upcoming move noting that this move will be more logistically complex than the move last year. He recently met with the architect and Van Horn Engineering regarding pre-bids on the Intermediate Building.

IV. Discussion Items

The board discussed rising special education numbers, inclement weather impacting the school calendar, continued efforts to secure another school resource officer, lack of parking at the Primary, and the start of the fiscal session with regards to carefully watching changes in educational funding.

V. Action Items (By Consensus)

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the January 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes and January 28, 2014 special meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommended approval of the January 2014 bills for payment as submitted.

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

VI. Action Items

A. Out of State Travel Request

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request from Mrs. Lawrence on behalf of choir instructor, Teresa Balloun, to travel to Austin, Texas during the summer of 2014 for an AP Music Theory course to enable her to teach an AP Music Theory class at the high school.

Mr. Sigle requested information regarding approximate cost of the trip. Per Mrs. Lawrence, while the exact cost is unknown, the cost with registration, travel, housing, and meals will not exceed \$2000.00.

Mr. Woods moved to approve the out of state travel request. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Petitions for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer from *name omitted* on behalf of her daughter, *name omitted*, to transfer from Dardanelle to Russellville.

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Mr. Carter moved to approve the student transfers as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. ASBA Workers' Compensation Policy

Administration recommended renewal of the workers' compensation policy with Arkansas School Boards Association for coverage period January 1-December 31, 2014 at a rate of \$31,706.00. (This is a decrease of \$195.00 from last year)

Mr. Sigle moved to approve renewal of the ASBA Workers' Compensation policy as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

D. School Board/Educators Legal Liability Policy

Administration recommended renewal of the School Board Legal Liability Insurance policy from Bancorp South Insurance Services, Inc. from February 1, 2014 through February 1, 2015 at a rate of \$5166. (This is an increase of \$125.00 from last year)

Mr. Dawson moved to approve renewal of the legal liability policy as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Portable Building Bids

Sealed bids were opened at the board meeting for (2) portable buildings; one located on Cedar Street and the other located at the Elementary. Both buildings are to be moved at owner's expense.

Two bids were received on the portable building at the elementary school. No bids were received for the building located on Cedar Street.

The two bids received were as follows:

\$2100 from Tri-Co Specialties

\$1750 from Bobby Wilson

Mr. Woods moved to accept the high bid from Tri-Co Specialties. Motion carried 5-0.



Executive Session

Employment

Administration recommended that the following administrators' contract be renewed for the 2014-2015 school year:

Marcia Lawrence
Terry Laughinghouse
Jamie Burris

Lynn Balloun
Debbie Murphy
Karie Kuras

John David Keeling
Sue Ann Jernigan
Larry Walker

Bobby Rehm
Charles Rector

Administration recommended that the following Speech Pathologists' contract be renewed for the 2014-2015 school year:

Tami Reeves

Misty White

Administration recommended amending the contracts of the following High School teachers to include payment for Summer School 2014 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour: (Proposed schedule is included in packet)

Sue Chiolino
Megan Allen
Stacy Myers

Catherine Taylor
Jeff Seay

Cheryl Seay
Sue Busch

Larry Hodges
Rick James

Administration recommended employing *Leslee Lay*, with a Masters and 4 years of experience, as High School Special Education Instructor effective the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the criminal records background check.

Administration recommended employing *Charles Tripp*, with a Masters and 20 years of experience, as High School Social Studies Instructor effective the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the criminal records background check.

Resignations:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Cheryl Schuemann* effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Denise Styles* effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Woods moved to approve the executive session recommendations as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:01 p.m. Mr. Sigle moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Sherry Hicks, President

Brandon Carter, Secretary