



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

July 13, 2015
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Jody Sigle, President
Jerry Dawson, Vice President
Brandon Carter, Secretary
Sherry Hicks
Tony Sigle

I. Call to Order/Pledge

President Sigle 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

Mrs. Jernigan and Mr. Laughinghouse recently attended an administrator's institute. Work continues on social studies and science standards. Intermediate is upgrading their science lab. New carpet at the middle school should be installed this week. Mrs. Lawrence reported excellent Biology end of course scores with 85% passing which should put the high school in the top five in the state.

B. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Kuras reported that they are busy with curriculum planning for social studies and science. The state recently approved a new assessment provider, ACT Aspire.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,798,934.27 in total operating funds and \$1,646,222.75 in total building funds as of June 30, 2015.

D. Food Service Report/E. Maintenance and Transportation Report

Mr. Thompson provided the food service/maintenance and transportation report. Projects at the stadium and Front Street are moving slowly. Van Horn assures administration that the track will be completed on schedule.

IV. Discussion Items

None

V. Action Items **BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of June 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommended approval of the June 2015 bills for payment as submitted.

C. Authorization for Superintendent to Apply for Federal Funds & Grants

Authorization for the Superintendent to apply for federal funds and grants

D. 2015 Annual School Election & Polling Place

The 2015 Annual School Election will be September 15, 2015. There will be early and absentee voting only due to incumbent Board Members, Tony Sigle and Sherry Hicks, running unopposed.

E. Approval of Salary Increases of 5% or More As Required Under A.C.A. §6-13-635

Whereas, the superintendent has identified all changes from last school-year's published salary schedule, and has identified and presented the Board of Directors with each employee's salary increase of 5% or more as required under A.C.A. § 6-13-635 and created a spreadsheet explaining each; Therefore, **the Dardanelle School District Board of Directors** approves and resolves that the spread sheet including those explanations are a factual representation of the raises given for the **2014-2015** school-year.

F. School Resource Officer Vehicle Purchase

Administration recommended purchasing a 2009 Charger in the amount of \$13,500.00 from Greg Standridge. This will replace the Charger that was totaled in May.

G. Cobb and Suskie Financial Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2015

Administration recommended securing Cobb and Suskie for the district's financial audit for year ending June 30, 2015.

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

VI. Action Items

A. Student Discipline Matter

Name omitted and his parents failed to appear before the board to petition for reinstatement after his expulsion during the 2014-2015 school year. Action will be tabled until further notice.

B. Petitions for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a transfer request from *name omitted* on behalf of her children, *name omitted*, *name omitted*, and *name omitted* to transfer from Russellville to Dardanelle effective the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the transfer requests as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Revised 2015-2016 Certified Salary Schedule

Administration recommended approving a revised 2015-2016 Certified Salary Schedule to increase the pay rate of non-certified substitutes to \$64.00 per day to comply with the minimum wage requirements that take place in 2016.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the revised 2015-2016 Certified Salary Schedule as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Out of State Travel Request

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request on behalf of Sonya Scruggs to travel to the NASA Educators Professional Development Summer Institute during the week of July 20-24, 2015. Approximate cost of the trip will be \$1631.61.

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

Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:55 p.m.

Employment:

Administration recommended amending the 2015-2016 contracts of the following individuals to allow for additional duties of Novice Teacher Mentors as follows:

Divella Gray Sue Busch Jennifer Stottman Linda Gibson
Amy Montgomery

Administration recommended employing **Josh Harrison**, with a Masters and 11 years of experience, as a Middle School Social Studies Instructor/Assistant Baseball/Assistant Football Coach effective the 2015-2016 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the criminal records background check.

Administration recommended reassigning **Phil Vega** from assistant baseball coach to head baseball coach effective the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended amending the contracts of the following instructors for the additional duties of before and after school enrichment, tutoring, and credit recovery for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$30.00 per hour as follows:

Sandy Williams Eric Gamble Randi Gamble Sue Busch
Mashella Wade Clay Hooten Rick James Jasmine White
Brenda McCurdy Kris Ridenour Kelly Wurst Steve Freeman
Bryan Hardaway Sonya Scruggs Malorie Berry Tina Cornwell
Lisa Huelle Becky Childres Kim Walter Shayne Manning
Lori Gagne Joe Childres Stacy Myers Christina Fraley
Gary Jernigan Michael Bramlett Jacque Gilbert Dakota Shelton
Paul Farnam

Resignation:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Will McCrotty** effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the executive session as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Hicks moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Jody Sigle, President

Brandon Carter, Secretary