



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

October 13, 2015  
Education Center  
7:30 p.m.

-Minutes-

***Members Present:***

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

***I. Call to Order/Pledge***

President Sigle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***II. Board Reorganization***

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

**A. Officers/B. Disbursing Officer/Alternate**

Nominations were as follows:

President:	Jerry Dawson
Vice President:	Jody Sigle
Secretary:	Sherry Hicks
Disbursing Officer:	Sherry Hicks
Alternate:	Tony Sigle

Tony Sigle moved to approve the officer nominations as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Committees**

Budget: Brandon Carter, Tony Sigle, 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

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the committees as nominated. Motion carried 5-0.

***III. Statements from the Public***

None

#### ***IV. Information Items***

##### **A. Building Reports**

Kindergarten students enjoyed a “Community Helpers Day” with representatives from the community participating. After school tutoring has started with approximately sixty students participating in the program. The Intermediate celebrated Freedom Week with a Freedom Parade. Middle School had a successful “Survivor Day”. Mr. Keeling thanked the staff, students, and community volunteers for going above and beyond to make the day happen. He also invited the board and community to their upcoming Veterans’ Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>. High School celebrated homecoming last week. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant program has been a huge success at the high school with students eagerly participating in the variety of programs that are being offered. Dardanelle High School was recently listed in the Washington Post as one of the country’s most challenging high schools.

##### **B. Curriculum Report**

Mr. Burris and Mrs. Kuras had a recent teacher meeting for all novice teachers new to the district. ACSIP leadership teams are in place and starting to meet on a regular basis. Mr. Burris complimented the new math coach, Amy Montgomery, on the tremendous job she has done with the math program. He also presented a review of preliminary Arkansas data regarding PARCC testing.

##### **C. Financial Report**

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,373,743.35 in total operating funds and \$828,463.40 in total building funds as of September 30, 2015.

##### **D. Food Service Report**

Chartwell’s representative, Greg Taylor, presented the board an update of the September meals counts. The Intermediate has received an assisted grant for a new three door stand up freezer. Chartwell’s will host the upcoming meal for the Region 5 Board Training on October 20, 2015.

##### **E. Maintenance and Transportation Report**

Mr. Thompson reported on behalf of Mr. Vestal. All that is left on the stadium renovation is a few final touch ups. He has met with the sheriff and the district will have the second school resource officer in place in the next week or so. The new administration building is in need of clean up before carpet can be installed.

#### ***V. Discussion Items***

##### **A. 2015 ASBA Delegate Assembly**

At this time, no board member has decided to attend the December conference. This item will be carried over to the November meeting.

#### ***VI. Action Items* **BY CONSENSUS****

##### **A. Approval of Minutes**

Administration recommended approval of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes

## B. Approval of Bills

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

## C. 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve all of the action items by consensus. Motion carried 5-0.

## ***VII. Action Items***

None



## **Executive Session**

### **Resignation**

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of Dan Knake, Bus Driver, effective October 22, 2015.

Mrs. Hicks moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Knake as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

## ***IX. Adjourn***

At 8:06 p.m. Mrs. Hicks moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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Jerry Dawson, President

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Sherry Hicks, Secretary