



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

January 11, 2016
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

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

I. Call to Order/Pledge

President Dawson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sherry Hicks was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

Names omitted requested to address the board regarding a possible transfer of their son from Dardanelle to Danville. They also requested the board sign a CSAP form along with the transfer.

After *names omitted* addressed the board, Mr. Jody Sigle moved to add Action Item F. Petition for Student Transfer to the agenda and to table action on the CSAP form until the February meeting so that additional information on the matter could be researched. Motion carried 4-0.

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Monday, January 4, 2016 was a professional development day for all teachers. Administrators reviewed professional development activities in their respective buildings. ACT Aspire interim testing continues. High school students start credit recovery on January 16th. Mr. Thompson reported that band and choir numbers continue to rise. He recently met with Mr. Laughinghouse, Mr. Keeling, and Mrs. Lawrence regarding the possibility of adding an additional choir/music instructor with the idea of having that position teach a couple of periods at the high school and teach music at the middle and intermediate level. The board authorized administration to proceed forward with advertising for this additional position. Mr. Thompson also addressed the need for approximately 75 additional band uniforms. As the band changes to a “true middle school band”, these uniforms will be used for the middle school band. This will present the need for a complete new set of band uniforms for the high school band as the transition is made. Mr. Thompson said he anticipates approximately 85 additional students in band for the upcoming year.

B. Curriculum Report

Mr. Burris noted that standards review will be on January 27th. They are continuing work on math standards to make changes as necessary. Mrs. Kuras continues to work with each building on interim assessments.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,980,501.07 in total operating funds and \$640,460.49 in total building funds as of December 31, 2015.

D. Food Service Report

Ms. Figueroa reviewed the breakfast and lunch numbers compared to last year's figures noting participation is up significantly.

E. Operations Report

The recent transportation audit was passed with no deficiencies found. The repair work on the football field turned out exceptionally well.

IV. Discussion Items

Mr. Jody Sigle asked if any other board members would be interested in taking his place on the Wellness Committee. Mr. Tony Sigle volunteered to be his replacement effective the next committee meeting.

V. Action Items BY CONSENSUS

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of December 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommends approval of the December 2015 bills for payment as submitted.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the action items by consensus. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Action Items

A. Student Discipline Matter

Neither the parent nor the student attended the meeting. Administration recommended that *name omitted* be expelled from the Dardanelle School District and all related activities.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to expel the student as recommended by administration along with the condition that he must appear before the board before he can be readmitted. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Merritt Park Usage Agreements

Administration recommended approving the contract with the City of Dardanelle for Merritt Park usage for the baseball and softball fields as per the enclosed contract. There are no changes on the contract from last year.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the contract as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Copy Paper Bid

Operations Supervisor, ED Vestal, obtained bids for 840 cases of 8 ½ x 11 #20 copy paper. Four bids were received as follows:

\$22.70 per case from Sam's Club **Administration recommended

\$23.59 per case from Veritiv Corp

\$23.69 per case from American Paper & Twine

\$24.67 per case from Harold Lind

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the low bid from Sam's Club for copy paper at a cost of \$22.70 per case plus tax. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Petition for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer for *name omitted*, age 16, to transfer from Dardanelle to Two Rivers.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the petition for student transfer as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

E. School Board/Educators Legal Liability Policy Renewal

Administration recommended renewal of the BancorpSouth School Board/Educator's Legal Liability Policy at a rate of \$7111 with an additional \$600 for General Liability Coverage. Coverage period is February 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the policy renewal as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Petition for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer for *name omitted*, age 15, to transfer from Dardanelle to Danville.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the petition for student transfer as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.



VII. Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session and returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

Employment:

Administration recommended amending the contracts of the following employees for additional duties of after school tutoring at a rate of \$30.00 per hour:

Tera Farnam

Angela Lynch

Resignations:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Jeanie Bunting***, custodian, effective May 31, 2016.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Pat May***, cook, effective January 15, 2016.

Superintendent's Contract:

The current contract of the Superintendent was effective through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the executive session as submitted and to extend the superintendent's contract through 2019 with a 5% base pay increase to his 2015-2016 contract effective immediately. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary