



***Dardanelle School District
Board of Education Meeting***
March 14, 2016
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Jerry Dawson, President
Jody Sigle, Vice President
Sherry Hicks, Secretary
Brandon Carter ****Absent****
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. Brandon Carter was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Primary celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday last week with participation in Read Across America. Primary students also participated in Jump Rope for Heart and far exceeded their goal. Mrs. Jernigan invited the board to the 1st grade musical to be presented tomorrow. Intermediate students finished ELDA testing. Mr. Laughinghouse held a parent advisory committee meeting today to work on handbooks and mission & vision statements for the Intermediate. Middle school students finished the 3rd nine weeks strong. Band and choir students have been busy with competition events. High school completed CAPS conferences and four year plans have been turned in. Mrs. Lawrence congratulated the speech, forensics, and ROTC teams on their recent competition results.

B. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Kuras recently attended the state's dyslexia conference. She said it was an excellent conference with a lot of useful information. Testing will start mid-April and continue until the first of May.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,430,874.62 in total operating funds and \$590,644.61 in total building funds as of February 29, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

Mr. Taylor reviewed lunch and breakfast numbers to date and noted continued upgrades to the program.

E. Operations Report

Mr. Thompson presented the operations report on behalf of ED Vestal. Transportation is running smoothly. Facilities-wise, the ALE portable building has received some water damage and they are in the process of surveying the building to see what repairs need to be made.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Pole Vault Pit

Coach Walker was on hand to discuss with the board the possibility of replacing the existing pole vault landing pads. The old ones were bought in 2002 and are a collegiate version. However, when the track was renovated, the pits were based on the guidelines of the National Federation of Track and Field. In addition to no longer fitting, the pits have dry rotted over time. Coach Walker received several bids for replacing the pads and reviewed pricing with the board. After considering the options, Coach Walker would like to postpone the purchase until the new 2016-2017 school year and budget this item. This will allow him time to contact the Arkansas Corrections Department for a bid as they were who we purchased the original pads from. In addition, even if the board decided to proceed with purchasing the pads for this year, they would not be ready for the current track season.

Coach Walker also discussed gate prices. He researched prices across the state and provided them to the board. He, along with Mr. Thompson, would like the board to consider raising the price of admission effective the next school year. After discussing this issue at length, President Dawson requested that Coach Walker provide the board with a detailed listing of ticket prices to include package deals. The board would like to gather more information and add this item to the April board meeting.

V. Action Items BY CONSENSUS

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Administration recommended approval of the February 2016 bills for payment as submitted.

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

VI. Action Items

A. 2016-2017 School Calendar

Administration recommended approving the 2016-2017 School Calendar as submitted. The calendar was presented to the PPC committee and staff. The calendar passed with a vote of 131 for and 9 against.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

B. 2016-2017 Licensed Staffing Plan

Administration recommended approving the 2016-2017 Licensed Staffing Plan as submitted. The proposed plan will result in one less licensed staff member for the upcoming year. Mr. Thompson cautioned the board that he may have to come back and request an additional staff member should the numbers dictate.

Mr. Tony Sigle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Licensed Staffing Plan as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

C. 2015-2016 Revised Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules

Administration recommended approving the Revised Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules as submitted which reflects a 1.5% increase across the board.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Revised Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

D. 2016-2017 Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules

Administration recommended approving the 2016-2017 Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules as submitted.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Licensed and Classified Salary Schedules as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Out of State Travel Request Mrs. Kuras

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request on behalf of Karie Kuras to travel to Fort Sam Houston, Texas on March 29-April 1, 2016 for an educational tour of their facilities. All expenses will be covered by the tour providers with no additional cost to the district.

Mr. Tony Sigle moved to approve the out of state travel request as submitted by Mrs. Kuras. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Out of State Travel Request Basketball Staff

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request on behalf of the basketball coaches to attend the Nike Basketball Clinic in Biloxi, MS on May 5, 2016. Approximate cost to the district will be \$1123.60.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the out of state travel request on behalf of the basketball coaches as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

G. 2016-2017 Building Blocks Pediatric Therapy Contract

Administration recommended approving a contract with Building Blocks Pediatric Therapy, PA to provide speech therapy for the 2016-2017 school year as per the contract submitted.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Building Blocks Pediatric Therapy contract as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

H. 2016-2017 Home Care Pediatric Therapy Contract

Administration recommended approving a contract with Home Care Pediatric Therapy to provide physical and occupational therapy services for the 2016-2017 school year as per the contract submitted.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Home Care Pediatric Therapy contract as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Financial Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2015

Administration recommended approval of the district's financial audit as submitted by Cobb and Suskie, LTD. for year ending June 30, 2015. A copy of the audit is included.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the financial audit for year ending June 30, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.



VII. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 7:53 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

Employment:

Administration recommended that the following individuals' contract be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year:

Primary (K-3)

Diana Adaire
Denise Adkison
Tiffany Alexander
Rebekah Avila
Lori Baker
Jennifer Barnes
Gail Bradley
Magaly Caballero
Joy Cain
Annette Childress
Jade Davis
Don Earnest
Margie Ennis
Julie Evans
Tera Farnam
Terri Fox
Tammy Gentry
Elizabeth George
Linda Gibson
Marlene Graves
Sarah Hardaway
Shawn Hettinga
Jared Higginbotham
Lynne Higginbotham
Nancy Johnson
Theresa Keen
Teena Kelly
Lisa Lawrence
Cheyenne Lott
Sheila McCarty
Shannon McGuire
Heather Meeker
Teri Merritt
Vandy Moore
Carina Ortiz
Anthony Ross
Melissa Scott
Karen Solomon
Sheri Sykes
Christie Talley
Iva Taylor
Terry Thone
Jill Walker
Britney Warren
Kristen Weatherall
Emily Wesley

Intermediate (4-5)

Malorie Berry
Rachelle Brown
Tosha Cain
Danielle Cheatham
Sara Cole
Jacqueline Erwin
Jean Furr
Amanda George
Chris Grace
Tonya Hernes
Julianna LoPorto
Shayne Manning
Terry McElligott
Nikki Mitchell
Shannon Rose
Brad Smith
Lori Stokes
Diana Stolarz
Jennifer Swanson
Amy Wade

ESL

Silba Galan
Jan George

Academic Coach

Amy Montgomery

Middle School (6-8)

Michael Bramlett
Monica Bryson
Becky Childres
Joe Childres
Tina Cornwell
Chelsea Davis
Christina Fraley
Laurie Gagne
Maunette Gateley
Jacque Gilbert
Josh Harrison
Lyndsey Hill
Lisa Huelle
Kristi Hunter
Lori James
Gary Jernigan
Mary Lou Lane
Kerry McConnell
Stacy Myers
Jessica Ross
John Sandlin
Katina Smith
Russell Sturdivant
Ashley Tyler
Chrystal Vega
Kim Walter
Shawn Walter
Polly Watson
Zachary Whitworth
Tammy Williamson

High School (9-12)

Meagan Allen
Teresa Balloun
Grace Berkau
Melanie Burris
Sue Busch
Sue Chiolino
Randy Cole
Christy Duffel
Myra Everette
Karen Fairbanks
Paul Farnam
Janetta Freeman
Steve Freeman
Bruce Futterer
Eric Gamble
Randi Gamble
Lonna Gae Gault
Divella Gray
Bryan Hardaway
Clay Hooten
Cindy Hudgeons
Rick James
Micheal Keen
Angela Lynch
Kenneth McCoy
Brenda McCurdy
Jamie McKellar
Lezlee Pierce
Josh Price
Kris Ridenour
Erin Robison
Sonya Scruggs
Deborah Seay
Pam Stille
Jennifer Stottman
Brent Taylor
Catherine Taylor
Lauren Taylor
Charles Tripp
Phil Vega
Mashella Wade
Jared White
Jasmine White
Sandy Williams
Jeff Woods
Kelly Wurst
Major Larry Yarbrough

Administration recommended employing **Scott Arnold** with a Bachelor and 2 years of teaching experience as a Choir Teacher effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing **Doug Sanders** with a Masters and 14 years of teaching experience as a High School Special Education Instructor effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing **Jessica Mashburn** with a Masters plus 12 hours with 3 years of teaching experience as a Middle School Instructor effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended the following contract addendums for the 2016-2017 school year:

<i>Shawn Hettinga</i>	Primary Parent Coordinator
<i>Jean Furr</i>	Intermediate Parent Coordinator
<i>Kim Walter</i>	Middle School Parent Coordinator
	Middle School Professional Dev Facilitator
<i>Cynthia Hudgeons</i>	High School Parent Coordinator
	High School Professional Development Facilitator
<i>Jan George</i>	ESL Parent Coordinator
	ESL Professional Development Facilitator

Administration recommended the following extracurricular duties for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Josh Price	Head Football/Assistant Track Coach
Phil Vega	Assistant Football/Head Baseball Coach
Bryan Hardaway	Assistant Football/Head Boys Soccer Coach
Shawn Walter	Assistant Football/Head Boys Track Coach
Jared White	Assistant Boys Basketball/Head Golf Coach
Russell Sturdivant	Head Boys Basketball/Cross Country Coach
Kenny McCoy	Head Girls Basketball/Assistant Girls Track
Kerry McConnell	Assistant Girls Basketball/Head Girls Track
Cynthia Hudgeons	High School Cheerleader Sponsor
Lyndsey Hill	Head Softball Coach
Shayne Manning	Head Tennis Coach
Josh Harrison	Assistant Football/Assistant Baseball Coach
Brent Taylor	Assistant Football/Assistant Softball
Don Earnest	Assistant Football/Head Girls Soccer
Chelsea Davis	Junior High Cheer Sponsor

Administration recommended amending the contracts of the following High School teachers to include payment for Summer School 2016 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour:

Cecelia Schultz	Randi Gamble	Lezlee Pierce	Mashella Wade
Eric Gamble	Rick James	Abigail Stokes	Laurie Gagne
Michael Bramlett			

Leave Request:

Administration recommended approving a leave of absence request from **Debbie Murphy** for six weeks beginning March 28, 2016.

Resignations:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Deanna Bishop** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Leslee Lay** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Chris Hightower** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Annette Cossey** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Dakota Shelton** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Sherri Streety** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Ben Hare** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Laura Hightower** effective the end of 2015-2016 school year.

Termination:

Administration recommended terminating the contract of **Hailen Midwell** effective February 19, 2016.

Mr. Jody Sigle moved to approve the executive session items as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Sherry Hicks moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary