



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

July 12, 2016  
Education Center  
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

***Members Present:***

Jerry Dawson, President  
Brandon Carter, Vice President ***\*\*Absent\*\****  
Sherry Hicks, Secretary  
Tony Sigle  
Jimmy Witt

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

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

***II. Statements from the Public***

None

***III. Information Items***

**A. Building Reports**

Custodial and maintenance staff are working hard to get the facilities ready for the new school year. First grade teachers have volunteered to work with students every Tuesday on a summer reading program and several primary teachers have also volunteered at Reading Hour hosted by the Yell County Library. In addition, the primary school is the pickup location for the community summer back pack program. Mrs. Kuras and Mrs. Montgomery have been working with teachers on the literacy and math curriculum at the intermediate and middle school buildings. ACT Aspire scores have been received at the middle and high school level. Work continues toward breaking down the scores and finding ways to improve areas where needed.

**B. Curriculum Report**

Mrs. Kuras reported that ACT Aspire scores for the district across the board were above the national average and higher than the state average in many areas. She will attend a training tomorrow regarding interpreting the results and ways to improve problem areas. Professional development planning continues.

**C. Financial Report**

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,333,924.32 in total operating funds and \$584,442.11 in total building funds as of June 30, 2016.

#### D. Food Service Report

Ms. Figueroa was pleased to report the primary, intermediate, and middle school campuses have received the fresh fruits and vegetables grant again for the upcoming school year. All kitchen managers are state certified after attending training this summer. Ms. Figueroa invited the board to the August 8<sup>th</sup> back to school breakfast for staff at the primary school and a luncheon on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

#### E. Operations Report

Mr. Vestal reported that mowing, repairs, and maintenance are in full swing with everything on schedule to be ready for the first day of school.

#### ***IV. Discussion Items***

None

#### ***V. Action Items BY CONSENSUS***

##### A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Sigle moved to approve the June 13, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

##### B. Approval of Bills

Approval of the June 2016 bills as submitted. Mr. Sigle moved to approve the June 2016 bills as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Authorization for the Superintendent to apply for federal funds and grants. Mr. Sigle moved to authorize the superintendent to apply for federal funds and grants. Motion carried 4-0.

##### D. 2016 Annual School Election & Polling Place

The 2016 Annual School Election will be September 20, 2016. There will be early and absentee voting only due to incumbent Board Member, Tony Sigle, and appointed Board Member, Jimmy Witt, running unopposed.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the 2016 Annual School Election polling places as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

##### E. Approval of Salary Increase Report 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 **2015-2016** school-year.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the salary increase report as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Approval for Cobb and Suskie, Ltd. to provide the District's Financial Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2016

Administration recommended approval for Cobb and Suskie, Ltd. to provide the district's financial audit for year ending June 30, 2016.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve Cobb and Suskie, Ltd. to provide the district's financial audit for year ending June 30, 2016 as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

***VI. Action Items***

A. Student Discipline Matter

***Name omitted*** asked to appear before the board for possible reinstatement after her expulsion in April 2016 for possession of marijuana while at school.

President Dawson advised the student and her mother of their right to have a closed hearing. They expressed their wishes for the hearing to be held in private. The board adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m.

Mrs. Hicks moved to readmit ***name omitted*** effective the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Petition for Student Transfer

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of ***names omitted*** to transfer from Pottsville to Dardanelle effective the 2016-2017 school year.

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of ***names omitted*** to transfer from Russellville to Dardanelle effective the 2016-2017 school year.

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Administration recommended approving all of the student transfer petitions. Mr. Sigle moved to accept administration's recommendation to approve all transfers as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Bids for High School Portable Building Roof Project

Three bids were received for repair of the high school portable building roof as follows:

Casey's Roofing, Inc. \$11,250.00

E&F Roofing Company \$17,812.00

Miller Roofing Company \$29,250.00

Administration recommended approving the low bid from Casey's Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$11,250.00. Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the low bid from Casey's Roofing as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

#### D. Board Policy Updates

After review by the policy committee, administration recommended approving the following board policy updates:

- 4.30 Suspensions
- 4.35 Student Medications
- 4.40 Homeless Students
- 8.11 Overtime, Comptime, and Complying with FLSA

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the policy changes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.



## ***VII. Executive Session***

***The board adjourned to executive session at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.***

### **Employment**

Administration recommended employing ***Blake Sorey***, with a BA plus 36 hours and one year of experience, as a PE/Health Instructor/Assistant Football/Assistant Track Coach effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background check and upon completion of his Master's resulting in certification.

Administration recommended amending the contract of ***Iva Taylor*** for extra duties of Novice Teacher Mentor (for Ashley Pledger) at a rate of \$750.00 per semester during the 2016-2017 school year.

Administration recommended employing ***April Hunt***, R.N. as a School Nurse with four years of experience effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background check.

Administration recommended employing ***Rhonda Weber*** as a Custodian, Step 10, effective July 13, 2016 contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background check.

### **Resignation:**

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Amanda Marcellus*** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Suzie Price*** effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

## ***VIII. Adjourn***

At 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Hicks moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

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Jerry Dawson, President

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Sherry Hicks, Secretary