



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

August 8, 2016
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

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

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Today was the first day back for teachers. The Chamber of Commerce provided a Back to School Breakfast for staff which was well attended and much appreciated. Teachers will have professional development this week with students reporting for the first day of school on August 15th. Principals reviewed enrollment numbers as well as their open house dates.

B. Curriculum Report

Mr. Burriss provided an overview of the professional development training schedule this week. NSLA funding is up due in large part to the increase in the number of students on free/reduced lunches. After school tutoring is scheduled to start the day after Labor Day. Mr. Burriss is still hoping to secure the grant for upgrading the tennis courts.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,684,038.96 in total operating funds and \$536,668.00 in total building funds as of July 31, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

Chartwell's representative, Greg Taylor, reported that he and Ms. Figueroa would be conducting a staff meeting/training with all foodservice employees before school starts. He introduced a new app available for students and parents that will have up to date menus along with nutritional information.

E. Operations Report

Transportation employees underwent their annual in-service last week. Mr. Vestal reviewed recent storm damage sustained. All scheduled maintenance upgrades and projects are on schedule to be completed by the start of school.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Safe Room Funding Update

The district has been notified that there is still a high probability of receiving a grant to fund the high school safe room project through FEMA. It is estimated that the grant will cover 75% of the total cost of the project. In addition, the district received a partnership grant with the facilities department that will cover approximately 66% of the districts' portion if the construction start timeline is before October 15, 2016. The construction start timeline consists of being under contract with a construction manager. The district plans to start the procurement process to secure a construction manager and architect/engineer with the intent to take action at the September monthly board meeting.

V. Action Items BY CONSENSUS

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Approval of the July 2016 bills as submitted

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

VI. Action Items

A. Petitions for Student Transfer

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of *name omitted*, age 10, to transfer from Deer School District to Dardanelle School District effective the 2016-2017 school year. Deer approved the transfer on July 28, 2016.

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of *name omitted*, age 11, to transfer from Russellville School District to Dardanelle School District effective the 2016-2017 school year.

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of *name omitted*, age 5, to transfer from Russellville School District to Dardanelle School District effective the 2016-2017 school year.

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of *name omitted*, age 9, to transfer from Russellville School District to Dardanelle School District effective the 2016-2017 school year.

A petition for student transfer was received on behalf of *name omitted*, age 16, to transfer from Dardanelle School District to Pottsville School District effective the 2016-2017 school year.

Administration recommended approving all of the student transfer requests as submitted. Mr. Carter moved to approve the transfers as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.



VII. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.

Employment

Administration recommended the following ***Lane Changes*** for the 2016-2017 school year:

Amy Montgomery to Masters

Sara Cole to Masters

Kristi Hunter to Masters

Tara Sanders to Masters plus 12 hours

Grace Berkau to BA plus 24 hours

Charles Rector to Masters plus 12 hours

Karen Fairbanks to Masters plus 12 hours

Janetta Freeman to Masters

Brooke Laughinghouse to BA plus 12 hours

Ashley Tyler to BA plus 12 hours

Administration recommended employing ***Erica Levi*** as a Cook, Step 3, effective the 2016-2017 school year. She is currently on the substitute list and has completed all of the required background checks.

Administration recommended employing ***Jessica Duvall*** as a Cook, Step 3, effective the 2016-2017 school year. She is currently on the substitute list and has completed all of the required background checks.

Administration recommended employing ***Dina Dyer*** as a Cook, Step 3, effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing ***James Toy Southerland*** as a Bus Driver, Step 5, effective the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing ***Justin Morphis*** as Maintenance, Step 13, effective August 15, 2016 contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background check.

Administration recommended employing ***Susan Hamby*** as a Custodian (4 hours per day), Step 8, effective August 10, 2016 contingent upon completing the requirements of the pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended amending the contract of ***Divella Gray*** for extracurricular duties of Novice Teacher Mentor (for Blake Sorey) at a rate of \$750.00 per semester for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:11 p.m. Mr. Witt moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary