



***Dardanelle School District
Board of Education Meeting***
September 19, 2016
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Jerry Dawson, President
Brandon Carter, Vice President
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.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Superintendent's Annual Report to the Public

Mr. Thompson presented the annual Superintendent's Annual Report to the Public. The report is included in the minutes and will also be published as required in The Post Dispatch.

Gifted and Talented Report

Mrs. Rachelle Brown, Gifted & Talented Coordinator, provided the annual gifted & talented program update. The program recently underwent monitoring. Mrs. Brown discussed the recommendations and noted the strengths of the program found during the monitoring process. In addition, she reviewed several projects and programs her students participate in.

Building Reports

After school tutoring began this week at the primary and intermediate school. Teachers have been participating in grade level meetings for curriculum alignment. The district has purchased additional Chrome Carts to familiarize students with technology and to help them incorporate technology into the learning process. Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the 21st Century program at the middle and high school. The program has grown and proven to be a tremendous success.

B. Curriculum Report/Technology Report

Mrs. Karie Kuras updated the board on curriculum and provided the annual technology report on behalf of the Technology Systems Administrator, Mr. Mike Grimes. A complete technology report is included in the minutes.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,912,973.25 in total operating funds and \$531,563.29 in total building funds as of August 31, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

Chartwells representative, Greg Taylor, updated the board on the food service program. They are down approximately 128 meals overall from this time last year. He is continuing to work towards getting participation back up noting he's excited to see what's on the rise for the food service program.

E. Operations Report

Mr. Thompson provided an update on behalf of Mr. Vestal. Mr. Thompson noted that the district will be looking to purchase a new bus in the near future. This expenditure has been budgeted.

IV. Discussion Items

Mrs. Hicks welcomed Mr. John Frank back. Today was his first day returning as one of the district's school resource officers.

V. Action Items BY CONSENSUS

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes

Mr. Carter moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Bills

Approval of the August 2016 bills as submitted

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the August 2016 bills as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. District Equity Coordinator

Administration recommended Jamie Burris serve as the Equity Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Witt moved to appoint Jamie Burris as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Athletic Expenditures

Arkansas Code Annotated 6-20-2003 and the Rules Governing Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for Public School Districts, Section 6.00 mandates districts to provide and approve a prior year athletic expenditure report as well as a current year budget. (See attached report)

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the athletic budget and expenditures as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Portable Building Bids

After advertising for bids on two portable buildings at the high school campus, administration recommended accepting the lone bid from Clifford Wiggins for HS Portable Building #1 for \$600.00. Administration recommended accepting the high bid from Clifford Wiggins for HS Portable Building #2 in the amount of \$1001.00.

Mr. Sigle moved to accept the portable building bids as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Board Policy Update 5.3

Administration recommended approving an update to board policy 5.3 as submitted.

Mr. Witt moved to approve board policy update 5.3 as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Action Items

A. 2016-2017 District Budget

After meeting with the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016, administration recommended approval of the 2016-2017 District Budget as submitted, which includes Special Education, Federal Programs, Athletics, and the Food Service Program. In addition, Mr. Thompson requested the board's permission to move \$500,000.00 from operating to the building fund.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the 2016-2017 District Budget as submitted as well as to transfer \$500,000.00 from operating to the building fund. Motion carried 5-0.

B. High School Safe Room Project

- 1. Selection of Construction Manager**
- 2. Selection of Architect**
- 3. Selection of Grant Manager**

The board tabled action on selecting a construction manager, architect, and grant manager. They will meet for a special called meeting later this week to possibly take action at that time.

C. Petitions for Student Transfer

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer for *name omitted*, age 17, to transfer from Westside to Dardanelle School District. Westside approved the transfer on August 9, 2016 and *name omitted* is currently attending Dardanelle High School.

Administration recommended approving a petition for student transfer for *name omitted*, age 11, to transfer from Danville to Dardanelle. Danville approved the transfer on August 15, 2016 and *name omitted* is currently attending Dardanelle Middle School.

Mr. Carter moved to approve both student transfers as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.



VII. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

Employment

Administration recommended employing **Jose Ortiz** as a Bus Driver, Step 5, effective September 19, 2016. He currently is a substitute bus driver and has completed all of the required background checks.

Administration recommended amending the 2016-2017 contracts of the following licensed instructors for the additional duties of **21st Century After School Tutoring** at a rate of \$30.00 per hour as follows:

Rachelle Brown

Abigail Stokes

Catherine Taylor

Administration recommended amending the 2016-2017 contracts of the following licensed instructors for the additional duties of After School Tutoring at a rate of \$30.00 per hour as follows:

Shawn Hettinga

Christie Talley

Lynne Higginbotham

Gail Bradley

Terri Fox

Sarah Hardaway

Jill Walker

Tiffany Alexander

Sheri Sykes

Danielle Cheatham

Mandy Loving

Tonya Hernes

Amanda George

Jean Furr

Mallory Berry

Tara Sanders

Resignations:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Benthe Haney** as a Cook effective September 7, 2016.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Tamera Knake** as a Bus Driver effective August 26, 2016.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the executive session as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Adjourn

At 8:47 p.m. Mrs. Hicks moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary