



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

October 17, 2016
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Jerry Dawson, President
Jimmy Witt, Vice President
Sherry Hicks, Secretary
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.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Board Reorganization

President Dawson opened the floor for nominations to reorganize the board officer positions and committees.

A. Officers

Nominations were as follows:

President: Jerry Dawson
Vice President: Jimmy Witt
Secretary: Sherry Hicks

Mr. Carter moved to approve the officers as nominated. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Disbursing Officer/Alternate

Disbursing Officer: Sherry Hicks
Alternate: Brandon Carter

Mr. Carter moved to approve the disbursing officer/alternate as nominated. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Committees

Budget: Brandon Carter, Tony Sigle, John Thompson, Jennifer Thaxton
Policy: Tony Sigle, Sherry Hicks, John David Keeling, John Thompson
Long Range Planning (Facilities): Jimmy Witt, Jerry Dawson, Marcia Lawrence, John Thompson

Mr. Carter moved to approve the committees as nominated. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. District Bonds/Stephens, Inc.

Kevin Faught, Senior Vice President of Public Finance with Stephens, Inc., was present at the board meeting to discuss the recent bidding of \$7,290,000 refunding bonds, series 2016. All documentation regarding the bidding is included in the minutes.

A. Discussion Items

1. Savings/Gross Debt Service Comparison
2. Sale Results

Mr. Faught reviewed the four qualified bids received. The best bid was received from the firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. Inc. with an interest rate of 2.546025%. The reduction in interest rates from the issuance of the refunding bonds will result in a net saving to the district of \$1,277,821.63.

B. Action Items

1. Resolution for Post Issuance Compliance Manual

Administration recommended approving a resolution for a Post Issuance Compliance Manual as submitted and included in the minutes. Mr. Witt moved to adopt the resolution as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Resolution Authorizing Issuance & Delivery of Bonds

Administration recommended approving a resolution authorizing issuance and delivery of bonds as submitted and included in the minutes. Mrs. Hicks moved to adopt the resolution as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Information Items

A. Building Reports

A district-wide professional development day will be held on Monday, October 24th. Parent teacher conferences will be the following day, October 25th. The district's flu clinic is this week at all campuses. Primary students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week next week. Mr. Laughinghouse reported that classroom observations are in full swing. Fourth and fifth grade teachers recently attended science workshops conducted by Arch Ford Co-Op. Mr. Keeling noted that the middle school will also be celebrating Red Ribbon Week next week with motivational speaker, DJ Williams, scheduled to address the student body. High school report cards have been mailed out. Mrs. Lawrence continues to address students who need early intervention based on grades and test data.

B. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Kuras reviewed the interim assessment process. Interim assessment results are instant allowing teachers and students to immediately recognize areas they need to work on. Professional development is ongoing.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,526,672.11 in total operating funds and \$1,031,858.42 in total building funds as of September 30, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

Ms. Figueroa, with the assistance of Mr. Jamie Burris, applied for and received an after school snack grant. The district served approximately 551 snacks the first week. All campuses are participating in the program. Chartwell's representative, Greg Taylor, reviewed meal counts noting while progress has been made, there is still work to be done to raise the meal count numbers. Mrs. Hicks asked if there was any kind of student feedback in place and Mr. Taylor said he was hoping to implement a program at the high school in the near future.

E. Operations Report

Due to a bus driver shortage, the teachers who drive a bus will still cover their routes during parent teacher conferences. Mr. Vestal thanked administrators for their willingness to work with transportation in allowing the teachers to cover their routes during this time. The ADE facilities department visited the campuses today. ADE will send the district a report of the inspection. Mr. Vestal reported he felt the visit was positive and did not foresee that any deficiencies were found.

VI. Discussion Items

None

***VII. Action Items* BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of September 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes
Approval of September 22, 2016 special meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the action items by consensus. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Action Items

A. Student Discipline Matters

Administration recommended the expulsion of *name omitted* from the Dardanelle School District and all related activities for possessing marijuana while at school.

Neither *name omitted* nor his guardian were present for the meeting.

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President Dawson explained to *name omitted* and both of his parents of their right for the hearing to be held openly or in private. All three expressed their wishes for a private hearing.

At 7:40 p.m. the board adjourned to closed session and returned at 8:47 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hicks to expel *name omitted* from the Dardanelle School District and all related activities indefinitely. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hicks to expel *name omitted* from the Dardanelle School District and all related activities for the remainder of the semester. He must appear before the board for consideration of reinstatement with the requirement of receiving counseling and proof that he has worked towards being a productive person. Motion carried 5-0.

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B. Petitions for Student Transfer

A petition for student transfer was received from *name omitted* on behalf of her daughter, *name omitted*, age 16, to transfer from Dardanelle School District to Russellville School District. Administration recommended approving the transfer.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the petition for transfer as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. ASBA Business Trip Accident Insurance

Administration recommended renewing “Business Trip Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage” through Arkansas School Boards Association as submitted for coverage effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the ASBA business trip accident insurance as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.



IX. Executive Session

Resignation:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Lonna Gae Gault*** effective September 30, 2016.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the resignation of Lonna Gae Gault as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

X. Adjourn

At 8:54 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary