



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

November 15, 2016  
Education Center  
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

***Members Present:***

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

***\*\*Absent\*\****

***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**

The district's annual Thanksgiving Feast will be this coming Thursday. Kindergarten students celebrated Native American Day. The Intermediate had a successful Veterans' Day Assembly with a lot of community involvement as well. Mr. Laughinghouse thanked Tech students who partnered with the Intermediate to dress up the outside of the building. Middle School also celebrated Veterans' Day with an assembly and provided grade level care packages for a student's dad who is serving overseas. Junior high football went 10-0 and are reigning conference champs. Mrs. Lawrence thanked EAST students who worked to construct posters for the Veterans' parade on Front Street. Planning has already started for the master schedule next year. The football team continues in the playoffs and the band placed second in state.

**B. Curriculum Report/Parent Involvement Plan/Task Force Report**

Copies of the Parent Involvement Plan and Task Force Report are included with the minutes. Dr. Burris reviewed 9-12 Credit Recovery and After School Tutoring programs.

**C. Financial Report**

Jennifer Thaxton provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$3,951,175.22 in total operating funds and \$1,013,073.24 in total building funds as of October 31, 2016.

#### D. Food Service Report

Mr. Thompson met with Chartwell's corporate representatives to get a better grip on numbers noting he suggested to them that projections need to be guaranteed as past projections have changed. Participation is up somewhat and food quality seems to be improving. He will meet with them again in December and reevaluate the program at that time.

#### E. Operations Report

The district is still in need of bus drivers. Mr. Vestal thanked the board for their consideration of bids to purchase a new bus. If approved, it will replace an existing bus that needs to be retired. Survey & core drilling has started on the high school safe room project.

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

None

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

##### A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of October 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes

##### B. Approval of Bills

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

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

#### ***VI. Action Items***

##### A. Petition for Student Transfer

A petition for student transfer was received from *names omitted* on behalf of their daughter, *name omitted*, age 13, to transfer from Dardanelle to Danville. Administration recommended approving this transfer.

Mr. Witt moved to approve the transfer as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

##### B. Copy Paper Bids

Four bids for 840 cases of copy paper were received as follows:

Contract Paper Group, Inc. \$22.42 per case

Sam's Club \$22.63 per case

American Paper & Twine \$23.30 per case

Printing Papers, Inc. \$23.70 per case

Administration recommended approving the low bid from Contract Paper Group, Inc. for 840 cases of copy paper for \$22.42 per case. Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the low bid from Contract Paper Group, Inc. as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

### C. Bus Bids

Two bids for a 77 Passenger School Bus were received as follows:

Summitt Truck Group \$88,400.00

Central States Bus Sales, Inc. \$90,950.00

Administration recommended approving the low bid from Summitt Truck Group for a 77 Passenger Bus for \$88,400.00 as per the bid submitted. Mr. Sigle moved to approve the low bid from Summitt Truck Group as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

### D. Supplemental Insurance Distribution

Administration recommended approval of the issuance of a onetime supplemental insurance check in the amount of \$1200.00 to all district employees who are currently employed and have been contracted for at least 30 days. Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the supplemental insurance distribution as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.



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

***The board adjourned to executive session at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 7:58 p.m.***

### **Employment:**

Administration recommended employing ***Sherry Holliman***, with a Masters plus 12 and 39 years of experience, as a High School Special Education Teacher with stipend for Professional Development Facilitator effective November 21, 2016 contingent upon completing the requirements of the criminal records background check.

Administration recommended employing ***Sherry Price***, as a Cook, Step 4, effective November 16, 2016. She is currently a substitute cook and has completed all of the pre-employment background checks.

### **Leave Requests:**

Administration recommended granting a medical leave request on behalf of ***Mary Lou Lane*** through December 16, 2016.

Administration recommended granting a maternity leave request on behalf of ***Sara Cole*** for approximately six weeks from the date of her delivery.

Administration recommended granting a medical leave request for ***Tiffany Alexander*** through December 16, 2016.

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

***VIII. Adjourn***

At 8:00 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