



***Dardanelle School District
Board of Education Meeting***
December 13, 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. Tony Sigle was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Mrs. Jernigan was absent from the meeting due to attending the annual musical program at the Primary. Intermediate will be having their school spelling bee this week. Dardanelle 8th grade science students participated in an interactive lesson with fellow 8th grade students in Florida via a Skype classroom. The interactive project was a standards based science curriculum with Mr. Keeling noting that students seemed to really enjoy the project. High school and middle school students will start semester tests tomorrow. High school students and teachers will begin to work on four year plans after they return from the break.

B. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Kuras spent time in each 4th and 5th grade classroom last week teaching computer coding by way of an initiative from Governor Asa Hutchinson to celebrate “Computer Education Science Week” in Arkansas.

C. Financial Report

Mr. Thompson provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,828,081.48 in total operating funds and \$1,014,752.48 in total building funds as of November 30, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

Ms. Figueroa noted the district wide Thanksgiving Feast was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all. She thanked the food service staff for their hard work to ensure the feast was a success.

E. Operations Report

The new bus that was approved last month should arrive this week or next. As work orders have slowed down towards the end of the semester, maintenance employees are working on preventative maintenance needs. The box truck has been experiencing engine problems that will need to be addressed in the near future.

IV. Discussion Items

None

V. Action Items **BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of November 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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

Mrs. Hicks 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 from *name omitted* on behalf of, *name omitted*, age 17, to transfer from Dardanelle to Russellville. Administration recommended approving this transfer.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the student transfer to Russellville as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

A petition for student transfer was received from *name omitted* on behalf of, *name omitted*, age 16, to transfer from Dardanelle to Two Rivers. Administration did not recommend approving this transfer.

Mrs. Hicks moved to deny the student transfer to Two Rivers. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Approval of Audit Year Ending June 30, 2016

Administration recommended approval of the audit as submitted by Cobb & Suskie, LTD for year ending June 30, 2016. A detailed audit report is included with the board packets.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the audit as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Out of State Travel Request~Hooten

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request submitted by Mrs. Lawrence for Clay Hooten to travel to the National Jazz Festival Convention in New Orleans, LA on January 5-8, 2017. The costs to the district will consist of gas and food only as he will secure a school vehicle for travel. The festival will pay for registration and hotel fees. He will have two band directors from Van Buren School District riding in the district vehicle with him.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the out of state travel request as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approval of High School Safe Room Plans

Administration recommended approving the plans as submitted for the high school safe room project.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the high school safe room plans as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Bids for Pole Vault & High Jump

Four bids were received as follows:

Southwest Sporting Goods \$24,977.86

Northwestern Sporting Goods \$25,198.61

BSN Sports \$25,859.72

Arkansas Correctional Institution/Gill \$24,435.04

While Arkansas Correctional Institute/Gill was the low bid, it was a combination of two bids from two different companies. Coach Walker recommended the bid from Southwest Sporting Goods as all of the equipment will be shipped from the same company which ensures compatibility within the equipment.

After an in-depth discussion of the bids, the action item died for lack of motion.



VII. Executive Session

Each board member expressed no need to go into executive session.

Employment:

Administration recommended amending the contract for ***Monica Bryson*** for extracurricular duties of 21st Century Grant Tutor for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Administration recommended amending the contract for ***Sonya Scruggs*** for extracurricular duties of 21st Century Grant Tutor for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

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

VIII. Adjourn

At 7:58 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary