



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

January 9, 2017
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 6:55 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

Professional development for all teachers was held on January 2nd and classes resumed from the fall break on January 3rd. Mrs. Jernigan congratulated third graders on a successful Christmas program noting they did a wonderful job and it was well attended by parents and the community. Intermediate students will be participating in the upcoming countywide spelling bee and quiz bowl competitions. Mrs. Chelsea Davis-Troyke introduced how she utilized a Skype classroom project and the positive response from her students who participated. High school Beta Club will participate in the state convention in two weeks. The high school will host the state speech contest on Thursday and Friday of this week.

B. Curriculum Report

Testing across the district will be starting soon. Mrs. Kuras noted they are getting ready to start the second interim testing for ACT Aspire. They will use this test to gage what areas students need to work on.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton, Business Manager, provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$5,106,217.68 in total operating funds and \$990,048.74 in total building funds as of December 31, 2016.

D. Food Service Report

No new business to report in food service. Mr. Carter requested an update from Mr. Thompson regarding his recent meeting with Chartwells. Mr. Thompson noted that he has received a guarantee from the area representative with Chartwells that they will cover any losses over \$100,000.00 this year.

E. Operations Report

The new bus should be in service in about a week. Transportation will be gearing up for spring sports.

IV. Discussion Items

None

V. Action Items **BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of December 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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

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

VI. Action Items

A. Merritt Park Usage Agreements

Administration recommended approving the contract with the City of Dardanelle for Merritt Park usage for the baseball and softball fields as per the enclosed contract. There are no changes on the contract from last year.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the Merritt Park Usage Agreement as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Petition for Student Transfer

A petition for student transfer has been received from *name omitted* on behalf of her sons, *name omitted* and *name omitted*, to transfer from Russellville to Dardanelle. They have always gone to Dardanelle and are currently enrolled in Dardanelle.

Administration recommended approving this transfer contingent upon Russellville approving this at their board meeting on January 17, 2017. Mr. Sigle moved to approve the petition for student transfer as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Pole Vault & High Jump Bids

Six bids were received as follows:

Arkansas Correctional Institution/Gill \$24,435.04

Southwest Sporting Goods \$24,800.16

Northwestern Sporting Goods \$25,198.61

BSN Sports \$25,859.72

Anthem Sports \$26,297.00

Gill Athletics \$27,799.05

While Arkansas Correctional Institute/Gill was the low bid, it was a combination of two bids from two different companies. Administration, along with 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. Per Mrs. Thaxton, this expenditure is included in the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the bid from Southwest Sporting Goods as submitted in the amount of \$24,800.16. Motion carried 5-0.



VII. Executive Session

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

Employment:

Administration recommended amending the contract of ***Chris Grace*** for extracurricular duties of After School Tutor at a rate of \$30.00 per hour during the 2016-2017 school year.

Resignation:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Mary Lou Lane*** effective January 3, 2017.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Silbia Galan*** effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of ***Debbie Murphy*** effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Sigle moved to accept administration's recommendations as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Contract:

The current contract of Superintendent ***John Thompson*** is effective through June 30, 2019.

President Dawson would like the superintendent's contract to be placed on the agenda for February. No action was taken.

VIII. Adjourn

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary