



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

April 17, 2017
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

Jerry Dawson, President
Jimmy Witt, Vice President
Sherry Hicks, Secretary
Brandon Carter *****Absent*****
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. Mr. Carter was absent from the meeting.

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. Building Reports

The Primary School recently set a new state record for Jump Rope for Heart raising approximately \$37,000.00. Mrs. Jernigan noted the campaign was a huge success which taught students about the importance of helping others while also encouraging students to make heart healthy decisions. Intermediate mailed progress reports out last week. Mr. Laughinghouse thanked the middle school choir for their visit to rising 6th graders noting their performance was excellent and was a positive way to get students involved in the choir program next year. Middle School students will participate in an ACT Aspire boot camp on Friday with activities focused around preparing them for upcoming testing. Mrs. Lawrence will visit with rising 9th graders tomorrow. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed the ACT test scoring process for juniors who recently took the test. She cautioned the board that math scores may not be as high as they have been in the past as they continue to align state standards and prepare for the new ACT Aspire testing. Mrs. Lawrence also provided the board with an overview of upcoming changes to the selection and funding of the boys & girls state program and it is included in the minutes.

B. Curriculum Report

Dr. Burris was pleased to announce that the district will adopt a new math program called Go Math! next year for grades 2-8. In researching the program, he reported that the committee spoke with several schools currently using it and received positive feedback. Each student will also have a textbook to take home that is user friendly to both students and parents.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton, Business Manager, provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,479,077.40 in total operating funds and \$1,062,037.27 in total building funds as of March 31, 2017.

D. Food Service Report

Mr. Taylor is currently surveying primary and intermediate students to get their feedback regarding food service. He hopes to survey middle and high school students in the near future. He reported that numbers appear to be increasing from last year.

E. Operations Report

Transportation is busy with end of year field trips. He cautioned the board that there may not be enough drivers to cover extra bus trips and some trips could be denied based on not having drivers to cover them. Construction has started on the high school safe room project.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Discipline Policy

The board met during a work session to discuss the possibility of adopting a “second chance” policy similar to what Lake Hamilton has in place. Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. Keeling expressed their interest and support in looking at incorporating this type of policy. Another work session will be scheduled to include the board, administrators, and possibly Lake Hamilton administrators.

V. Action Items **BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes
Approval of the April 3, 2017 special meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Approval of the March 2017 bills as submitted

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the action items by consensus. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Action Items

A. 2017-2018 Arkansas Department of Education Special Education Local School District Application for Part B Funds for the Provision of Special Education and Related Services and Proposed Use of Title VIB Budget Application

Administration recommended approving the 2017-2018 Arkansas Department of Education Special Education Local School District Application for Part B Funds for the Provision of Special Education & Related Services and the Proposed Use of Title VI, Part B, Use of Funds Budget Agreement Application as submitted.

Mr. Sigle moved to accept administration’s recommendation as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Revised 2017-2018 Certified Salary Schedule

Administration recommended approving a revision to the ROTC Instructor Pay on the 2017-2018 Certified Salary Schedule as submitted to read as follows: "Based on Military Required Pay".

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the 2017-2018 Certified Salary Schedule revision as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

C. FBLA Out of State Travel Request

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request for three Future Business Leaders of America students and their sponsor to travel to the national competition in Anaheim, California on June 24-27, 2017. Approximate cost to the district will be \$3397.00. An itemized breakdown of expenses is included in the minutes.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the FBLA out of state travel trip as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Forensics Out of State Travel Request

Administration recommended approving an out of state travel request for three forensics students, a parent chaperone, and their sponsor to travel to their national convention in Birmingham, Alabama the third week of June for seven nights. Approximate cost of the trip will be less than \$1500.00 which will cover Mr. Gamble's meals and lodging. After signing a waiver of liability, students will travel via private transportation with a parent who will also serve as the female chaperone for the event. Students will pay for their own registration, lodging, and food.

Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the forensics out of state travel request as agreed upon. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Food Service Management Contract

Administration recommended submitting an "Intent to Renew" the contract with Chartwells for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a requirement from Child Nutrition for the renewal packet due on May 15, 2017. Mr. Thompson met with the Chartwell's representative last week and was more encouraged by what was presented as the numbers are more in line with projections than ever before. Mr. Thompson recommended approving the "Intent to Renew" but remains extremely cautious and also reminded the board that they always have the 30 day notice should the circumstances arise that the district chooses to cancel their contract in the future.

Mr. Sigle moved to submit an "Intent to Renew" the contract with Chartwells for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried 4-0.



VII. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

Employment:

Administration recommended the following individuals' contract be renewed for the 2017-2018 school year:

Primary

Ashley Carter
Jodie Coffman
Patsy George
Linda Hall
Susan Hamby
Susie Howell
April Hunt
Angela Knight
Mary Miller
David Ragsdale
Aryn Rhinehart
Rebecca Roberds
Jamee Young

Intermediate

Tamera Coffman
Christine Cummings
Jimmy Hicks
Becca Manatt
Nikki Miller
Regina Mobley
Glynelle Pool
Randi Reece
Pat Seay
Annette Sigle
Rhonda Weber

Gym/BOB Building

Eddie Howard
Scotty Moore

Middle School

Catherine Ard
Carla Keeling
Vicki Kierre
Charlene Lemonds
Debra Pearce
Brenda Ramey
Charles Richards
Kim Rowland
Julie Stokes
Harold Walker
Anita Witt

High School

Shelly Adams
Melissa Bittle
Lisa Broyles
Sharon Carter
Paul Chiolino
Trent Dann
Alisha Flores
Kristy Grimes
Samantha Hickman
Patricia Holiman
Fredetta Keith
Mario Mendez
Sonya Navarette
Dale Simmons
Teresa Smallwood
Amanda Tucker
Julia White

Food Service

Brenda Duvall
Jessica Duvall
Dina Dyer
Marge Elliott
Ann Ewing
Brenda Garner
Carol George
Rebecca George
Virginia Harelson
Linda Houghton
Verna Jones
Ruth Lane
Tosha Level
Erica Levi
Janett Lewis
Miranda Little
Rhonda Loveall
Maribeth Miller
Virginia Noblett
Sherry Price
Kristie Rhinehart
Leah Swafford

Maintenance

Mark Adams
Tammy Haney
Justin Morphis
Austin Rhinehart
Mike Roper
Terry Standridge
Garry Turner

Bus Drivers

Darrel Campbell
Epifanio Caro
Randy Cole
Lea Davis
David Henderson
Jared Higginbotham
Teresa Holmes
Marie Hopson
Michael Modica
Jose Ortiz
John Sandlin
Lynn Sigle
Brad Smith
Katina Smith
James Southerland

Central Office

Kerri Figueroa
Jon Nathan George
Norma Grace
Mike Grimes
Drew Laughinghouse
Jennifer Thaxton
Becky Vestal
ED Vestal
Kim Witt

****Terry Standridge's contract will reflect an additional \$500.00 per month for Transportation Supervisor duties. ED Vestal's contract will reflect an additional \$500.00 per month for Safety & Security Coordinator.***

Administration recommended amending the 2017-2018 contract of *Sherry Holliman* for extracurricular duties of Professional Development Facilitator.

Administration recommended amending the 2017-2018 contract of *Tosha Cain* for extracurricular duties of Intermediate After School Tutor at a rate of \$31.00 per hour.

Resignations

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Brenda Reid, Aide I*, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Michelle Martin, Cook*, effective April 5, 2017.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Rebecca George, Cook*, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of *Brenda Garner, Cook*, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Leave Request:

Administration recommended approving a maternity leave request for *Stephanie Melder* effective April 24, 2017 through May 26, 2017.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve all of the executive session items as submitted. Motion carried 3-1 with Mrs. Hicks voting in opposition.

VIII. Adjourn

At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Sigle moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary