



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

May 8, 2017
Education Center
7:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Members Present:

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

II. Statements from the Public

None

III. Information Items

A. EAST Lab/Building Reports

East students provided a yearly review of their projects and accomplishments. A slide show was provided and is included in the minutes. Primary has finished testing and Mrs. Jernigan thanked her staff for their efforts to help make the testing process as smooth as possible. Primary physical education teachers worked together to host the annual fishing derby at Merritt Park. As always, it was a huge success with students and parents enjoying a fun day of catching fish. Intermediate students have completed the bulk of their testing. The new principal, Mr. Bright, will be visiting the campus on Wednesday to meet with students and staff. Mrs. Lawrence highlighted the accomplishments of students in the alternative learning classroom. The Russellville Adult Education Center had 20+ plus students graduate through their GED program with 11 of those students being a part of Dardanelle's alternative learning classroom. Mrs. Lawrence congratulated the students and Mr. Cole on their successes.

B. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Kuras reported approximately 1277 students are finished with testing with only a few make ups. She also thanked technology and the counselors for their efforts in making the testing season a success. Dr. Burris reported planning has already started on professional development activities for the 2017-2018 school year. The district will be hosting a "technology academy" day on August 9th which will give staff members over 20 different technology classes to choose from based on their classroom needs.

C. Financial Report

Jennifer Thaxton, Business Manager, provided the financial report. The district has an ending balance of \$4,771,440.40 in total operating funds and \$1,014,384.01 in total building funds as of April 30, 2017.

D. Food Service Report

Mrs. Thomas reported that Primary and Intermediate will be re-implementing the hot breakfast before school for next year. She is currently working on the renewal agreement with Child Nutrition. The district has applied for the fresh fruits and vegetable grant again for next year. The district will be offering a breakfast and lunch program for anyone under the age of 18 that will extend through the end of summer school. In addition, Mrs. Thomas has applied for an equipment grant and hopes the district will receive funding for some large equipment needs.

E. Operations Report

Mr. Vestal reported business as usual. Transportation workshops and in services are scheduled. Summer maintenance lists are being compiled. The safe room project continues to move forward.

IV. Discussion Items

None

V. Action Items **BY CONSENSUS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of Bills

Approval of the April 2017 bills as submitted

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

VI. Action Items

A. 2017-2018 Student and Employee Procedural Manuals

Administration recommended approving the 2017-2018 Student and Employee Procedural Manuals as submitted. The policy committee reviewed all of the manuals prior to the board meeting.

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the 2017-2018 Student and Employee Procedural Manuals as submitted with exception of the Intermediate Manual. The board would like to give the new Intermediate principal a chance to review the manual before it is approved. Motion carried 4-0.

B. E-Rate Category 2 Purchase

Administration recommended accepting a bid from IK Network Solutions in the amount of \$43,871.30 for battery backup power supplies and Ethernet switches to accommodate increased devices on the network. The district qualifies for an 80% discount, so after reimbursement, the net cost to the district will be \$8,774.26. Mike Grimes was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding the purchase.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the bid from IK Network Solutions as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

C. 2017-2018 K-12 Student Insurance

Administration recommended renewing the Student/Athletic Accident Insurance with Dwight Jones Agency for the 2017-2018 school year with a premium of \$44,380.96 for the Custom U & C Plan. *This is the same insurance we used for the 2016-2017 school year with a premium decrease of \$905.73 from last year.*

Mr. Sigle moved to approve the 2017-2018 K-12 Student Insurance with Dwight Jones Agency as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. Executive Session



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

Employment:

Administration recommended **Shannon McGuire** as a Primary Math Interventionist effective the 2017-2018 school year. She currently serves as a second grade teacher.

Administration recommended employing **Will Knight**, Maintenance, Step 16, effective June 1, 2017. He currently works for the district as a substitute and has completed all of the required pre-employment background checks.

Administration recommended employing the following individuals for Summer 2017:

Technology:

Austin Thaxton, Woodrow Ramey (\$9.09 per hour until June 30, 2017/\$9.23 effective July 1, 2017)

Maintenance/Paint Crew:

Nick Kuras, Robin Marple, Dakota Rowland (\$9.09 per hour until June 30, 2017/\$9.23 effective July 1, 2017)

Janie Holmes and **Randi Reece** at their current contracted rates.

Resignations:

Administration recommended accepting the resignation of **Justin Morphis**, Maintenance, effective May 31, 2017.

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

VIII. Adjourn

At 7:33 p.m. Mr. Carter moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Dawson, President

Sherry Hicks, Secretary