The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were: Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., Mr. Bryan Parrish, Ms. Dana Ashcraft, Ms. Vickie Green, and Ms. Jessica Fernandez. President Vickie Green called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

I. **ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT:**
Superintendent Matt Wright gave statistics regarding the population of staff and students for the district along with the legal balance. He explained the use of other monies including NSLA, Title VIB, TI and TIIA are used for supplemental education services for students in providing for the purchase of technology items as well as providing for after school programs, professional development, and supplementing partial salaries.

Superintendent Matt Wright reviewed the School Board Core Beliefs and District Mission statement. He reported on the plumbing/locker room projects completed at the gym and the 6 year facilities plan involving $4,300,000 partnership monies to be used for those improvements with the help of a 6.0 millage increase and extension of an existing millage with voter approval. Superintendent Matt Wright reported that the plans included demolishing and replacing the band room, the 3rd thru 6th grade wing and the old wing of the High School. The project has been approved and the district has been notified of the partnership funding to be approved for improving security, safety and adequacy of both campuses.

Superintendent Matt Wright explained the accreditation status of the various schools. The district is fully accredited cited due to teachers adding areas to their license.

Superintendent Matt Wright stated goals to increase use of technology for learning in the High School and continue purchasing chrome books and I pads with a technology committee overseeing the purchases. Superintendent Matt Wright further reviewed programs to provide adequate enrichment to students using RTI and for the advanced learners to use programs including Gifted and Talented, Advanced Placement classes and College 101 and to provide a positive school culture that is both safe and inviting.

Elementary Principal Lisa Gray stated the core beliefs are high expectations for all students to have a safe learning environment and to focus on weaknesses and increase rigor to meet state frameworks. Principal Lisa Gray stated that elementary students in grades 3-6 have a keyboarding class and that Ipads are used in Kindergarten. She stated the school would have a fall festival to include parental involvement. She further reported on the Gifted and Talented classes participation in Quiz Bowl, & Chess. The district uses constant professional development and peer coaching as well as providing outside resources to increase rigor and relevance.
High School Principal Kim Smith reported that at the Middle School and High School time is invested in an effort to allow students to grow and increase level or rigor by trying new strategies for improvement. He spoke about the open house planned during mid 9week parent teacher conferences and of the upcoming art/choir/band shows. She stated that there will be 4 career nights throughout the year. At the high school level Gifted and Talented students are engaged in the Chess Club, a Mock Trial, the Model UN and Quiz Bowl. She discussed in detail the strengths and weakness of the students in Math and English.

That concluded the public meeting.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, JULY 17, 2017:
Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:
The financial report was presented by Superintendent Matt Wright. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

IV. CAREER COACH PAYMENT:
Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to contract through ASU Newport with EPC to pay Bobbie Bucannon as career coach to assist SRs with scholarship applications and college visits. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

VI. SET SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DATE:
Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to have the 2018 annual school election during the month of May, 2018. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

VII. CONSIDER PRICE CHANGE FOR ADULT LUNCH:
Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to increase adult breakfast prices to $2.10 an amount equal to the free reimbursement rate for breakfast and to increase adult lunches to $3.55 an amount equal to the free reimbursement rate for lunches as recommended by ADE. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

VIII. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR BUSINESS:
a. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. for electrical needs arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.
b. Ms. Dana Ashcraft made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Vickie Green for catering needs arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.
c. Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Bryan Parrish for umpiring needs arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.

d. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Tommy McCrary for lawn services arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

e. Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Jeff Rains for lawn services arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.

f. Ms. Dana Ashcraft made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Adam Criswell for construction needs arising for the district for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.

g. Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to do business with Kathy Johnson for student field trips for an amount not to exceed $10,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.

h. Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Matt Wright to alert the commissioner of his relationship to an employee with the Marked Tree Water Department and to request special permission to do business with the City in an amount over the $10,000 threshold. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.

IX. ADVANCED ED PRESENTATION OCTOBER 19:
Superintendent Matt Wright informed board members that the Advanced Ed team will present a plaque showing the district’s accreditation on October 19.

X. BUILDING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:
Elementary Principal Lisa Gray reported that sixth grade students will be offered Band instruction and that try outs for honor choir will be held next week. She announced that grandparents day will be observed on September 8 and that school day pictures will be taken on September 22. Principal Lisa Gray also reported that the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables will be offered to students beginning August 28.

High School Principal Kim Smith announced parent/teacher conference will be September 12 High and that 9 weeks test will begin September 26 thru September 29. High School Principal Kim Smith also announced that there are teachers who have expressed an interest in participating in the Cotton Pickin Jubilee. She also passed out schedules for the upcoming football games to members of the board.

XI. MILLAGE UPDATE:
Superintendent Matt Wright updated board members on his presentations of the millage to the Marked Tree City Council and to the Marked Tree Chamber of Commerce. He noted that he will be at local business on Saturday mornings up until the election with students promoting the millage.
XII. BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:
Superintendent Matt Wright discussed the following board training opportunities:
   a. A.S.B.A. Annual Conference – December 6-8 Little Rock (Marriot Hotel)
   b. Regional School Board Training – October 3, Harrisburg (Coop) 6:00-9:00

XIII. PERSONNEL:
President Vickie Green called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

President Vickie Green called the meeting into Regular Session.

No action was taken.

X. OTHER BUSINESS (from BOARD MEMBERS):
No other business was discussed.

President Vickie Green adjourned the meeting.

Ms. Vickie Green
Board President

Mr. Bryan Parrish
Board Secretary