

Marked Tree Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 19, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on October 19, 2015 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 Ira lee Whitfield, Sr. called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

I. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS:

Elementary Principal Lisa Gray presented certificates to students for their helpfulness to others and exhibiting respectfulness to others.

II. RECOGNITION OF TEACHER:

High School Counselor Bobbie Pharis reported that College and Career Week was held October 5 thru October 9 and that during that week the District hosted a fair that brought in at least 30 students along with their parents. They were explained how the application process works and about admissions, financing, and housing. Also, an alumni panel talked to students regarding their experiences in becoming a leader in their profession. Ms. Pharis shared her experience with taking approximately 15 students to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

III. ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT:

Superintendent Annesa Thompson gave statistics regarding the population of staff and students for the district along with the legal balance. She 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 Annesa Thompson spoke on the 6 year facilities plan looking ahead at replacing and repairing facilities and the advantage of partnership monies in improving security, safety and adequacy of both campuses.

Superintendent Annesa Thompson explained the accreditation status of the various schools. She also listed the highlights for Elementary were the author's visit and the initiation of the Dr. Seuss Reading Program and for High School she spoke of the many Bronze Star awards received by the school. She informed the audience that September's ACT average to be 20.2 and that there are approximately 50 students participating in ACT prep.

Superintendent Annesa Thompson concluded the annual school report by providing an opportunity for questions from the group.

IV. FACILITIES PLAN DISCUSISON:

Superintendent Annesa Thompson exhibited plans for demolishing the band room and the old wing of the high school and the old elementary wing and possibly rebuilding a structure to also include a safe room. She explained it would be necessary for the community to pass a millage in order to make these plans a reality.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING , SEPTEMBER 21, 2015:

Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial report was presented by Superintendent Annesa Thompson. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Pearson. All voted in favor.

VII. CONSIDER POLICY 5.4:

Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to approve the attached policy 5.4 to be made a part of the model policy. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.

VIII. BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Superintendent Annesa Thompson reviewed the following board training opportunities: Annual Conference – 12/9/11 – Little Rock Marriott

IX. PERSONNEL:

President Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

President Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. called the meeting into Regular Session.

- a. Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to accept the resignation of Anahi Gillis. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.
- b. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to hire April Prunty as teacher for the remainder of the school year. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.
- c. Ms. Vickie Green made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to hire Charlene Kincaid, LPN nurse at the rate of \$18.69 per hour. Motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Fernandez. All voted in favor.
- d. Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to hire Dawn Frans 10 hours per week to supervise the nursing position at the rate of \$26.22 per hour. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Green. All voted in favor.

- e. Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to add a Human Resources stipend of \$7,500.00 to the classified salary schedule. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.
- f. Ms. Jessica Fernandez made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to pay off the remaining vacation and personal sick days to Ms. Carolyn Duvall's contract at her daily rate of pay. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish.

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

President Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. adjourned the meeting.

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr.
Board President

Ms. Jessica Fernandez
Board Secretary