

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD
May 9, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Board Members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, and Johnny Lockley, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Bruce Morgan was absent.

Staff Showcase – DES Principal, Julie Amstutz, was recognized for having completed the three-year Master Principal program through the Arkansas Leadership Academy.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017, called meeting and the regular meeting on April 11, 2017. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:16 p.m.)

Financial – A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:17 p.m.)

New Business

Plumbing Emergency Declaration – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to declare a plumbing emergency for the main sewer line at DeWitt High School. Due to the need for immediate repair, there was no time to seek bids or advertise. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:17) p.m.

Approval of District Accreditation Report - Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the 2016-17 accreditation report as presented. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:20 p.m.)

Out of State Field Trip Request – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve the FBLA out of state field trip request to the National FBLA conference in Anaheim, Ca. Four DHS students qualified to attend by receiving second place in the state in American Business Enterprise. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:21 p.m.)

ASBA Model Policy Changes - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the recommended updates to existing policies. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:23 p.m.)

Consideration of Purchase for Cheerleaders – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to approve the request from cheerleaders to purchase Varsity Spirit Fashions. The orders are over the \$10,000.00 for each squad so it has to come before the board. Money was raised by the squads

and no money comes from the district, but does go through the school activity funds account. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:26 p.m.)

Classified Salary Proposal - Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the recommendation to increase each category of transportation by \$400.00 and \$750.00 to the base for all other classified personnel. Board will look deeper at raises. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:36 p.m.)

Leadership Academy Contract Renewal – Mrs. Herring made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Dardenne that the board approve a continued relationship with ALA by participation in the various leadership institutes offered. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:43 p.m.)

Price Approval for Buses - Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the purchase price of two new buses from isolated transportation funds in the amount of \$87,309.00. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:49 p.m.)

Generator Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Graves made a motion to approve an agreement with Clifford Power Systems for maintenance and inspection, semiannually, of the school's commercial generators at a cost of \$1,382.00 annually. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:51 p.m.)

Sprinkler Inspection Agreement – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to enter into an annual agreement with Arkansas Automatic Sprinklers in the amount of \$764.00 for service and maintenance on the system at DMS. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:52 p.m.)

Shooting Team as a Lettering Sport – Action on this was postponed until a later date and more information is received. (8:30 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Dardenne brought the board up-to-date on all of the end of school activities.

The board went into executive session for the consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Personnel

Resignations – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the resignations of the following:

Kaci Simpson
Charley Jo Coleman
Keta Turner

Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfers – A motion to transfer the following personnel was made by Mr. Lockley.

Sara Eggerman - to 3rd grade math
Megan Curtis – to Special Ed Resource
Jody Courtney – to 5th grade math

Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Classified Personnel – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to renew the contracts of DHS classified personnel as presented, with the exception of those who have been informed they will not be renewed. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Lockley made a motion to rescind the April DES list for renewal as presented. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to approve the DES classified personnel with the exception of those who have been informed they will not be renewed was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Herring made a motion that Drew Horton be employed as Assistant Jr. Football coach. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Lockley made a motion to rescind the additional five days of vacation previously granted Dr. Dardenne. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to grant Dr. Dardenne a three percent salary increase was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY

