

DEWITT SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 13, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, Secretary Shawanna Wansley (left 8:30 p.m.), and Board Members Kenneth Graves (7:25 p.m.), April Herring, Johnny Lockley and Bruce Morgan, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017, regular meeting and the called meetings of May 19, 2017, and May 31, 2017, was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:03 p.m.)

Financial – Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the May financial report as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:05 p.m.)

New Business

Proposed 18-19 Budget – Mr. Lockley made a motion to adopt the attached proposed budget of expenditures with tax levy for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to and including June 30, 2019 and to approve all related election documents. Second by Mr. Morgan carried 6-0. (7:13 p.m.)

First Security – A motion to employ First Security Beardsley as financial advisor for a period of three (3) years effective as of the date of adoption (June 13, 2017), was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:16 p.m.)

ASBA Model Policies – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to accept the recommendation to approve the changes in policies as recommended by ASBA. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:30 p.m.)

Student Handbook Changes – Mr. Lockley made a motion to table action on student handbook changes. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:31 p.m.)

Request to Transfer Funds – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the request to move funds exceeding the June 30, 2017, legal ending balance from the operating fund to the building fund. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:34 p.m.)

Renewal of Fleet and Property Insurance – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to renew the district fleet and property insurance as recommended for 2017-18 through the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust. The premium is \$18,123.00 which is up from last year. Property insurance is more due to the addition of the new building (\$93,490.38). Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 7-0. (7:36 p.m.)

Request to Purchase Steamer – Mrs. Herring made a motion to accept the bid from Ft. Smith Restaurant Supply to purchase a new steamer for the high school cafeteria in the amount of \$16,608.23 as recommended. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (7:37 p.m.)

Food Service Software Proposal – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to accept the bid from Harris Solution – Etrition Software in the amount of \$5,014.00 for a new software for the lunchroom as recommended. The district plans to offer online pay with the system which would allow parents to use debit or credit cards to pay for meals. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 7-0. (7:40 p.m.)

SLP Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the recommendation to contract with Brittany Ligon for speech, language services at a cost of \$60.00 per hour. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:40 p.m.)

Track Repair – Mr. Graves made a motion to proceed with track renovation at a cost of \$289,808.81 with Field Turf, USA. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (8:00 p.m.)

Salary Schedule – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to make the recommended changes to the salary schedule. Add a new column for accounts payable and change the title of the bookkeeper schedule to General Business Manager/Bookkeeper as shown on the attached salary schedule. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (8:07 p.m.) Copy attached

Stipend Schedule – Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the recommendation to adjust the stipend schedule for high school principal and JVC Director. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried. 7-0 (8:10 p.m.) Copy attached

Property Options – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to accept the recommendation to list the old middle school property with Cox Realty. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (8:31 p.m.)

Gillett Property – Mr. Lockley made a motion to begin the process of donating the Farmers and Businessmen's building on the Gillett campus to the City of Gillett. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (8:39 p.m.)

Out of State Trip Request – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to grant the request from Kyle Rowland (Project Lead the Way) to attend out of state training for PLTW. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:45 p.m.)

Legal Transfer – Mrs. Herring made a motion to grant a legal transfer request as recommended. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (8:46 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report

- Reminded the board of the upcoming school election on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.
- Expressed thanks to DES parent organization and Godfrey Thomas Foundation for the new shade structure at DES.

Personnel Policy Committee – The PPC does not meet in the summer; therefore, no one was present to give a PPC report.

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

Resignations

A motion to accept the resignation of Dalton Cox as middle school science teacher/assistant boys' basketball coach was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Midkiff, Mechanic 2 and approve the settlement agreement and release of claims documents. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to accept the resignation of Brittany Ligon as a district employed Speech Language Pathologist. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the resignation of Shirley Dillion as superintendent's secretary/cycle coordinator effective December 19, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment

A motion to employ the following was made by Mrs. Herring:

- Mary Ann Johnson, paraprofessional at DES,
- Trenka Ward, paraprofessional at DES,
- Bethany Van Horn, Technology assistant,
- Chris Clinton, Head softball coach,
- Lacy Mangrum, Assistant softball coach.

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

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried. 6-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY

