

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD  
November 8, 2016

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt High School Media Center.

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

**Board Member Recognition** – April Herring was recognized for completing twenty-five (25) hours of in-service.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes** - A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to approve the October 11, 2016, Minutes as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:10 p.m.)

**Financial** – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the October financial report. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:12 p.m.)

**New Business**

**Shooting Sports** – John Alter gave a presentation to the Board on Shooting Sports. (7:20 p.m.)

**Shade Structure** – Meagan Padgett presented information on the shade structure to be built for Pre-K on the east side of DeWitt Elementary School. This is being paid for by the DeWitt Elementary PTO and a generous donation from the Godfrey Thomas Foundation. A motion to approve this was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:25 p.m.)

**Out-of-State Trip Request** – Band Director Eric Rutherford presented a request for the band to take an out-of-state trip during Spring Break which will be paid for by band parents and activity funds. A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to grant the request. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:30 p.m.)

**Renewal of Unemployment Compensation** – Mr. Lockley made a motion to renew the Unemployment Compensation participation through the Arkansas School Boards Association. The contact is David H. Frieze Associates, Inc. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:40 p.m.)

**Renewal of Business Trip Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage** – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to renew the Business Trip Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage through the Arkansas School Boards Association. This covers the school board and all employees of the district. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:42 p.m.)

**Bonus** – Mr. Lockley made a motion to accept the recommendation to give all currently contracted staff a one-time \$1,000.00 bonus. This bonus was in the budget which was approved in September by the board. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:44 p.m.)

**Request for use of Gillett Gym** – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to grant the request to use the Gillett Gym for the annual coon supper on January 14, 2017. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:45 p.m.)

**Sale of Portable Buildings** – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to accept the bid in the amount of \$15,191.00 from Industrial Iron Works for Building #1 located on the north end of the old middle school campus. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:50 p.m.)

**Portable Building** – A motion to advertise for two more weeks the portable building located on the south end of the old middle school, was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:54 p.m.)

**District Treasurer** – Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve Sandra Beam as district treasurer for the 2016-17 school year. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:55 p.m.)

**Disbursement Officer** – A motion was made to approve Brad Koen as district disbursement officer for 2016-17. Motion carried 5-0. (7:56 p.m.)

**PPC** – PPC Chairperson, Dot Hubsch, gave a report on items discussed by the PPC.

**Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Dardenne gave a report on the following:

- Grants applied for and received
- After School Tutoring
- Parent Teacher Conference Results
- FSA Report was given by Mr. Ashcraft
- Read a letter of appreciation from Baldwin-Shell

The Board went into executive at 8:15 p.m. for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

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**Resignation** – A motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Perritt as bookkeeper effective December 20, 2016, was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0.

**Sub-Teach** – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley and seconded by Mrs. Herring to authorize the superintendent to adjust sub pay through sub teach as warranted by specific situations. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0.

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

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SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY.