Minutes Regular Board Meeting September 23, 2014

The Harmony Grove School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the superintendent's office on the Harmony Grove Campus.

Joe Rogers, Jr., board president, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. All board members were present and on time. The members present were Joe Rogers, Jr., Jeremy Givens, Robert Franks, Stephen McCann, Jana Garcia, Emily Harrison, and Ken Key.

The minutes of the August 21, 2014 regular board meeting were read and approved without objection and the financial report and payment of bills were approved without objection.

There were no individuals who wished to address the board.

Mr. Rogers began by stating the outcome of the school board election and welcomed Mrs. Jana Garcia and Mrs. Emily Harrison to the board.

Mr. Rogers indicated that it was in order to reorganize and elect board officers to serve for the 2014-2015 year. Mr. Rogers called for nominations to elect the president of the newly formed board. Mr. McCann nominated Joe Rogers, Jr., Mr. Franks seconded the nomination. The board voted 7-0 to elect Joe Rogers, Jr. as president. Mr. Franks nominated Jeremy Givens for the position of vice-president. Mr. McCann seconded the nomination. The board voted 7-0 to elect Mr. Givens as vice-president. Mr. Givens nominated Robert Franks as secretary of the board. Mr. McCann seconded the nomination. The board voted 7-0 to elect Mr. Franks as secretary of the board.

Mr. Givens made a motion to approve the certified personnel policies. Mr. Key seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Givens made a motion to approve the classified personnel policies. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The 2014-2015 district budget was presented to the board by district treasurer Linda Beasley and the superintendent. Mr. Franks made a motion to adopt the district budget. Mr. Key seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

After review and discussion of the special education budget for 2014-2015, Mr. McCann made a motion to adopt the special education budget. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. The special education budget was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Sharon Hale presented the district and schools' 2014-2015 ACSIP plans. Mr. Givens made a motion to approve the ACSIP plans. Mr. McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The 2014-2015 annual minority recruitment plan was presented for the board's review. Mr. Pigott explained the information in the plan. Mr. Key made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Pigott requested that the board consider approval of a stipend for duties in maintaining transportation records and activities such as required bus driver trainings and random substance testing for drivers. Mr. McCann made a motion to approve a stipend in the amount of \$1200 for Transportation Training and Testing, Scheduling and Maintenance of Records. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Under reports, Mr. Pigott informed the board of the dates and times of the 4 hour training session on Rules and Responsibilities of local school boards to be held at South Central service Cooperative on October 7, 2014. He also informed the board of the October 14, 2014 ASBA New Board Institute as well as the Regional School Board Training to be held on October 27, 2014 at Hampton. Mr. Pigott indicated he would register the board for the events.

Continuing with reports Mr. Pigott informed the board of a meeting he attended at the Facilities Division to address deficiencies in documentation of work orders in the states CMMS (Schooldude) system over the past five years. He stated that he provided the state with copies of previous inspections and closed out all work orders to date. The Facilities Division sent written notice that the indicators were non-material in nature and no further action was required. Mr. Pigott updated the board on the cafeteria renovation project and the board arrived at a consensus to agree that the construction company reached substantial completion at August 21, 2014. Mr. Pigott informed the board that part of the HVAC system in the Sparkman cafeteria had been replaced. He informed the board that pole density tests were conducted on each light pole on the football field by a technician sent out by Ouachita Electric. The technician reported that all poles tested good and there should be no concern at this point with any of the poles. Mr. Pigott reminded the board that bids were being accepted by Beardsley First Security on the 2009 Bonds on September 30, 2014 and that he would bring the bids before the board at the October board meeting.

The board went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss a classified personnel issue. The board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Franks to approve payment of a \$1200 stipend to Mrs. Casey Munn for the Maintenance of Transportation Records, training and testing. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Franks and seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion carried 7-9 and the meeting was adjourned.

President, Board of Education

Secretary. Board of Education