

Mineral Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Mineral Springs School Board met in regular session April 13, 2015 in the administration building. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Erwin at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was done and one board member was absent (Sheila Jackson). A quorum was established. The prayer was led by Mrs. Zemeria Newton.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mrs. Jamie Jackson and seconded by Mr. William Dixon. The motion passed 6-0 to approve the minutes as written.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the district's financial statement.

Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. stated May is when the larger tax dollars come into the district. Last May the district took in \$1,009,000.00 in local tax dollars. Superintendent Turner recommended that the board let the CD in the amount of \$63,753 that is coming due to roll over. The ending balance for the month of March was \$5,009,807.65

It was recommended to the board by Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. that the financial statement be approved. The motion to approve the financial statement for April and to allow the rollover of the CD in the amount of \$63,753 roll over was made by Mr. William Dixon, and seconded by Mrs. Zemeria Newton. The motion passed 6-0

The building principal's reports were next on the agenda.

Principal Stephanie Rowe reported the enrollment for 7-12 grades was 189. The exit PARRC has been completed. 7th graders will begin the science exam Tuesday. State monitors visited the campus and found everything to be in compliance; there were no citations. Mrs. McJunkins took FCCLA officers to the regional meeting in Arkadelphia today (Monday). Mrs. Hartness took FBLA members to the FBLA convention in Little Rock today (Monday), they will return Tuesday. Mrs. Cassidy and the Student Council hosted a blood drive on Monday April 6, 2015,

and the goal of 28 units was reached which qualified MSSD for a \$500.00 scholarship. Mrs. Dunn will be taking 27 band students to participate in solo and ensemble competitions Friday in Center Point. The band and choir Spring Concert will be held May 5, 2015. The Band Color Guard and Drum Majors will hold fund raisers to help cover the cost of camp. Career Technical monitoring visit is scheduled for next Thursday April 23, 2015. The Prom is Saturday April 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Senior Banquet will be Friday April 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Principal Stacy Gauldin reported first and second graders went to the Science Museum in Hot Springs Arkansas. Grades K thru 2 attended "Imagination" at the Perot Theater. The Performance PARRC testing is finished, and everything went well. This week 1st and 2nd grades will take the IOWA exam. 5th and 7th grades are taking the Bench Mark Science exam. There will be no testing next week, testing will start again April 27, 2015 thru May 18, 2015 for end of year PARRC assessments. Principal Gauldin, Counselor Laurel McCarter, and Counselor Jeanette Lampkins, will attend Arkansas Department of Education Educator Career Fair on Saturday April 18, 2015 in Little Rock. Teachers are in the process of signing up for professional development this summer, and the workshops will tie directly to their professional work plans.

The next item on the agenda was old business.

Superintendent Turner stated Mineral Springs School District missed 5 days of school due to inclement weather. The PPC conducted a vote, and the staff elected to make up the 5 days at the end of the year, which changes the last teacher/student day to Friday June 5, 2015.

The next item on the agenda was new business.

Superintendent Turner informed the board that the compressor on the walk-in cooler in the cafeteria is old and needs replacing. Mr. Turner stated he had received bids on a new compressor for the refrigerator freezer. Harper Refrigeration bid \$3,890 for a new compressor and installation; Wright Refrigeration bid \$4,684 for a new compressor and installation. Superintendent Turner stated the food service account would finance the project. Mr. Turner recommended the board to approve the bid from Harper Refrigeration for a new compressor and installation in the amount of \$3,890. A motion was made by Mr.

William Dixon to approve the bid from Harper Refrigeration for the new compressor and installation in the amount of \$3,890; and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion was carried 6-0.

Next item was informational.

Superintendent Turner informed the board he would like the approval to move forward with the sale of the travel trailer sitting in the bus pen. Mr. Turner stated the district would advertise the sale, and accept sealed bids. The bids would be opened in an official board meeting, and the trailer would be sold to the highest bidder. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve the sale of the travel trailer, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 6-0.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation from Mr. Jason Holtzclaw from Stephen's Inc.

Superintendent Turner stated to the board that Mr. Holtzclaw is invited once a year to give a brief update of the financial status of the school. Mr. Holtzclaw spoke on three items, Financial Analysis: provided to administration every 6 months whenever bond payments change. Revenue Projection: based on the 2014 fiscal year to help with budgeting, and an Introduction to Arkansas Public School Finance. Mr. Howltzclaw informed the board each member would receive 1 hour for Continuing Education Training.

Next item on the agenda was the discussion of the school plant.

Superintendent Turner requested permission from the board to move forward with an architectural analysis of our existing plant. There is no charge for the architects to come out and survey and assess the school's needs and make a recommendation. Both campuses will be assessed.


The next item on the agenda was personnel/student discipline.

Superintendent Turner made a recommendation to the board regarding student discipline to approve the expulsion of three students for the remainder of the Spring semester of 2015 the students will be allowed to return in the fall. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve the expulsion of three students for the remainder of the Spring semester of 2015, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Ray Hawkins. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Turner recommended that the board renew contracts for the classified staff, and pending background checks that the district employ; Rashad Sims, Kim Esters and Audra McLelland for certified positions for the 2015-2016 school year. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve renewing contracts for the classified staff, and to employ Reshad Sims, Kim Esters, and Audra McLelland for certified positions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jamie Jackson. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ray Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Zemeria Newton. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Zemeria Newton, Secretary



Mike Erwin, President