

Mineral Springs School District

School Board Meeting Minutes

The Mineral Springs School Board met in regular session August 14, 2017 in the cafeteria on the Mineral Springs campus. The meeting was called to order by President William Dixon at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was done. A quorum was established. The prayer was led by Mr. Mike Erwin.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting was made by Mrs. Jamie Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson and a motion to approve the previous special meeting was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Jackson. The motion passed 7-0 to approve the minutes as written.

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

Mrs. Frankie Darr gave an overview of the financial statement for July 2017. The non-restricted balance for the month was \$5,295,324.14. The district's all fund balance for the month including building fund and CD's was \$25,215,772.32.

The motion to approve the financial statement for June 2017 was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 7-0.

Old Business.

Superintendent Thelma Forte presented to the board changes to the stipend schedule. Superintendent Forte informed the board to amend the last two on the list and she would take care of them and would save the district money. A motion to approve proposed changes to the stipend schedule was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion passed 7-0.

New Business.

The next item on the agenda was the Principal's Report.

Elementary School Principal Stacy Gauldin informed the board that we had a great start in elementary today. Our theme is Space this year. If you have not been in

our building you need to come visit and see our hallways and classrooms. They look amazing. Some of you may have read in our classrooms today to give our teachers a break we appreciate it. Enrollment is 200 K-6. We had a wonderful week of PD last week. I have heard many of my teachers say it was the best we have had in a long time. My staff worked hard and had great attitudes throughout the entire week. Something new for me this year is my participation in the Master Principal Program through the Arkansas Leadership Academy. This is something I have been interested in for about three years, but really did not have the courage to apply. Mrs. Forte pushed me into applying and I am so glad she did. The Master Principal Program provides training and opportunities to expand the knowledge base and leadership skills of public school principals in all five of the Academy's Leadership Performance Strands. This is a voluntary three year program with embedded practice throughout each year. I went to the mountain the last week in July and was there 3 nights and 4 days. We were in classes each evening until 8pm. I will attend three more times throughout the course of the year. The knowledge and confidence I have gained from the short period of time has already made a difference in my leadership skills. I can't wait to see what the rest of the experience will be like. Once a principal is accepted into the leadership academy, then they are able to apply for the leadership team institute. In the future, I hope to take my entire leadership team to the mountain, so they can work to build collective leadership capacity of our elementary school.

High School Principal Joshua Kessler stated to the board that we got off to a great start this morning. There was an excellent turn out for senior breakfast and the teachers from both campuses did a fabulous job of providing delicious foods. Pastor Ben Jones from Central Baptist Church provided encouraging words for the students. Seventh through ninth grade students gathered in the gym 1st period this morning so that they could be informed of the new changes to the handbook, introduce new teachers, and set clear expectations for the upcoming school year. The presentation was repeated 2nd period for 10-12 grade students. Through the collection of test data and interviews with students, Mineral Springs High School has set three goals that will focus our decisions and activities: 1. More students taking the ACT and scoring at least 19, 2. Assist students in setting their own academic goals, 3. Expose students to colleges by taking field trips to tour partner colleges, not only academic schools but also technical schools. We have fast Friday to eliminate loss of classroom time during pep rally.

The next item on the agenda is approval of ACT Preparatory: Fetterman/Assoc.

The next item on the agenda is approval ACT of 1105 – Legal Balance Transfer.

Superintendent Forte asked the board for approval to move \$1,257,773.49 from the operating fund to the building fund per Act 1105. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Erwin to approve moving \$1,257,773.49 from the operating fund to the building fund per Act 1105 and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Jackson. The motion carried 7-0.

The next item on the agenda was test scores/monthly report.

Superintendent Thelma Forte gave an overview of the Test Score /Monthly Report.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mrs. Jamie Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 7-0. The board went into executive session at 7:03 pm.

A motion to return from executive session was made by Mr. Mike Erwin at 7:15 pm and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson.

Superintendent Forte recommended the board approve the hiring of Jonathon Lance as Secondary English Teacher.

A motion to hire Jonathon Lance as Secondary English Teacher was made by Shelia Jackson and seconded by Dorothy Vaughn.

Superintendent Forte recommended the board hire Aubree Gauldin as a long term substitute in Special Education until she passes the Praxis, at which time she would be hired as a full time teacher for the self- contained classroom.

Superintendent Forte recommended the board hire Ambur Deloney as a dishwasher on the Mineral Springs Campus.

The motion to hire Ambur Delony as a dishwasher on the Mineral Springs Campus was made by Zemeria Newton and Jamie Jackson.

Superintendent Forte recommended to the board that we hire Cathryn Skinner as a full time custodian on trial period (90 days) with the option to give a full contract after the trial period.

Superintendent Thelma Forte recommended the board approval to move SRO from level 2 to level 3 on the payroll schedule. A motion was made by Mr. Mike

Superintendent Thelma Forte recommended the boards approval to use Fetterman & Associates to provide evaluation and school turnaround services in preparing students to pass the ACT test with emphasis on ACT Boot –Camps. A motion was made by Mrs. Zemeria Newton to use Fetterman and Associates for professional development services and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Lodie Dixon from Kinco gave an update on the building project and informed the board that they meet every Wednesday. Four loads of red iron will be delivered tomorrow. They will begin building the storm shelter in about a week and a half. An aerial photo was given to the board members of work done.

The next item on the agenda is approval of Milk and Bread bids.

Superintendent Thelma Forte recommended the boards approval to use Henderson Distributing for milk and juice and Flowers Bakery for bread and rolls. A motion was made by Mrs. Jamie Jackson to use Henderson Distributing for milk and juice and Flowers Bakery for bread and rolls and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 7-0.

The next item on the agenda is approval of Project Prevent Youth Coalition.

Superintendent Thelma Forte informed the board that Sandra Rhone had secured a grant with the Arkansas Children's Hospital - Project Prevent Youth Coalition for the district. A Jr. High or High School teacher will be the advisor and the grant includes a \$500 stipend for the advisor. Superintendent Forte recommended the board approve the PPYC Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Erwin to approve the Project Prevent Youth Coalition and seconded by Mrs. Zemeria Newton. The motion carried 7-0.

The next item on the agenda is approval of Roof Bids.

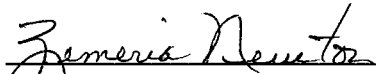
The board agreed that they would secure bids from contractors for the entire house project. No actions were taken on the roof bids.

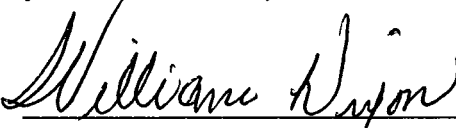
The next item on the agenda is approval of ACT 1120.

Superintendent Thelma Forte stated to the board that ACT 1120 is required each year for board approval. Superintendent Forte recommended the boards approval of ACT 1120. A motion was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn to approve ACT 1120 and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson.

Erwin to move SRO from level 2 to level 3 on payroll schedule and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.


Emeria Newton, Secretary


William Dixon, President