

Mineral Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Mineral Springs School Board met in regular session May 11, 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 two board members were absent, Sheila Jackson and Jamie Jackson. A quorum was established. The prayer was led by Mr. William Dixon.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mr. William Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion passed 5-0 to approve the minutes as written.

An addendum was made for April 13, 2015 minutes in the financial statement. Superintendent Curtis Turner stated last May 2014 the district took in \$1,900,000 in local taxes, it was written as \$1,009,000. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve the correction of the April 13, 2015 and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. stated the district has gone 2 or 3 months without receiving revenue because the district cannot determine when personal property taxes will be paid. A settlement check is coming in May for the month of April in the amount of \$985,000.00 the other check will come in June or July. The \$1,900,000.00 received last year was two payments in one. The projectrol for the end of June is in good shape. The ending balance for the month of April was \$4, 988, 468, 78.

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 May 2015 was made by Mrs. Zemeria Newton and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion passed 5-0

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

Principal Stephanie Rowe reported the enrollment for 7-12 grades was 183. Band students raised \$1,266 dollars from garage and bake sales, the money will be used for camp and other supplies used for band. Two students advanced to the Meet of Champs in track for high jump and triple jump. The sports banquet will be held in the cafeteria tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Two students completed the welding technology and two students completed cosmetology at the UACCC in Nashville Arkansas. Principal Stephanie Rowe stated all seniors completed an exit survey, out of 29 students 18 plan on attending a 2 or 4 year college, 1 student plans on joining the National Guard the remainder of seniors plan to go into the work force. All 29 seniors will graduate on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. on the football field, if we get inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the gym.

Principal Stacy Gauldin reported the enrollment for K-6 was 219. On April 28th the students had "Bingo with My Hero" instead of "Donuts for Dads", students were asked to bring a male role model with them to play bingo. Donations from local businesses were used as prizes for winners, & students' mothers provided finger foods for everyone to enjoy. Principal Gauldin stated grades 4 thru 6 will have their Spring Concert May 19, 2015 at 6: p.m. in the cafeteria. The kindergarten graduation will be held on May 22nd at 8:30 a.m., and an awards ceremony for grades 4 thru 6 is May 26th at 9:00 a.m. On May 28th students will have field day at the city park.

The next item on the agenda was old business.

Superintendent Curtis Turner stated the 26 ft. Travel Trailer advertised took bids up to noon today, the bids were sealed. Board president Mr. Mike Erwin read the bids. The first bid was for \$4,000 from Mary Wallis - Second bid was \$1,000 from Karen Ilizarbe – Third bid was \$1,001 from Charles Gulley – Fourth bid was \$1,100 from Roy Backus. Superintendent Curtis Turner recommended the board to accept the bid for \$4,000 from Mary Wallis for the Travel Trailer. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve the bid of \$4,000 from Mary Wallis for the Travel Trailer, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Zemeria Newton. The motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was new business.

Superintendent Turner stated our district qualified for a high priority bonus to be given to staff for 2014-15 school. The state calculates the amount and sends the

dollar figure. All staff would receive from \$2,673 to \$4,673. There were 12 certified staff members that did not qualify. According to state guidelines you have to work directly with students 70% of the day. Superintendent Turner stated to be fair to all staff he is recommending the 12 staff members receive the lower amount on the spread sheet of \$2,673. The department of education funds the majority of the bonus and the district picks up all withholds at 22% totaling \$26,000. The 12 staff members receiving \$2,673 would cost the district \$32,079.84. Superintendent Turner also recommended to the board that the district approve all classified staff (40 employees) to receive a onetime bonus of \$750.00. The total cost to the district would be \$101,754.49. Superintendent Turner recommended the board to approve bonuses for 12 certified staff members not on the ADE list, and one time bonuses for all classified staff.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn to approve bonuses for 12 certified staff members and a onetime bonus for classified staff in the amount of \$101,754.49, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Zemeria Newton. The motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by the pride/student council

Mrs. Rhone gave a brief synopsis on a grant application submitted for prevention services and partnership for success after the grant was obtained. It was decided by Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Cassidy to implement the grant utilizing the pride team and student council. Students gave an overview of how the grant was utilized throughout the year. Data was done on drugs, tobacco and intimate relationships. The goal is to empower communities to reduce and prevent underage alcohol, tobacco and drug consumption.

The next item on the agenda was a report on the Teacher Job Fair held in Little Rock.

High School Counselor, Mrs. Jeanette Lampkins and Principal Stephanie Gauldin attended the 2015 Education Recruitment Career Fair workshop Saturday, April 18, 2015. The event was held at the Metroplex Team Summit Event Center in Little Rock, Arkansas under the direction of Jeff Dyer. The purpose of the Educators Fair is to become involved in the recruitment process of prospective teachers especially in the shortage areas of math, science and foreign language with emphasis on Spanish. Mrs. Lampkins stated a sign in sheet for possible

prospects was provided, 35 individuals signed the sheet, 21 provided their e-mails and 19 turned in their resumes.

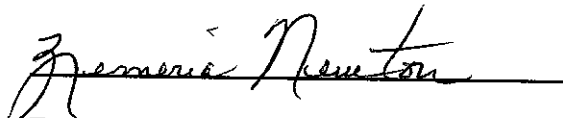
The next item on the agenda was informational

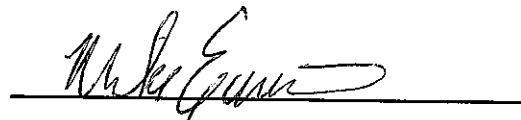
Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. informed the board to add to the minutes the electronic printing and deposit is going well with the staff, but the printing equipment needs to be updated with e-school and/or e-finance. The district will have to buy another printer and software from a "Tips Taps" provider. The cost will be \$7,200 for a laser printer and check folder.

The next item on the agenda was personnel.

Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. made a recommendation to the board to hire Brandon Smith as the school resource officer. His salary will be paid from the NSLA funds to be effective July 1, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. William Dixon to approve the hiring of Brandon Smith as the school resource officer and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. William Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Zemeria Newton, Secretary


Mike Erwin, President