

Mineral Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Mineral Springs School Board met in regular session June 12, 2017 in the library on the Saratoga campus. The meeting was called to order by President William Dixon at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was done. Mr. Mike Erwin, Mr. Ray Hawkins and Mrs. Jamie Jackson were absent. A quorum was established. The prayer was led by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion passed 4-0 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 May 2017. The non-restricted balance for the month was \$7,226,835.69. The district's all fund balance for the month was \$25,253,678.41. June's MSSD projection of EOY legal balance was the balance that was left to the district under the supervision of Superintendent Curtis Turner Jr. Superintendent Curtis Turner recommended the board to approve the financial statement.

The motion to approve the financial statement for May 2017 was made by Mrs. Sheila Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 4-0.

There was no old Business.

The next item on the agenda is the Principal's report.

Elementary School Principal Stacy Gauldin informed the board that the first academic awards banquet was a success. The grades had to be broken up: 1st and 2nd grade then 3rd thru 6th grade section. We had around 150 parents and students during each frame. I want to give credit to the teachers. They planned the entire program, decorated, cooked the meal and helped with the cleanup. Field day was another great day. The students enjoyed playing games and playing in the bounce houses, slides and other equipment that Mrs. Rhone was able to order for us. Summer enrichment started today for 3rd and 4th grade. The hours

are from 8am to 3pm transportation is provided if needed. Students are focusing on math and literacy skills and do some fun enrichment activities in the afternoon. Summer enrichment for 1st and 2nd grade will be next week.

Middle School Principal Sandra Rhone was at a conference.

High School Principal Joshua Kessler informed the board that today we began summer school with 11 students making up credits and 13 students in the summer enrichment program. Students for the summer enrichment program were selected based on their status "Needs Support" or "Close" on the ACT Aspire. The year ended successfully with students completing their semester exams. Myself and other administrators will be traveling to Lake DeGray tomorrow through Thursday to receive professional development and updates from the Ade as well as the required yearly Tier 1 training. The following week on June 20-22, representatives from the campus leadership team and I will be traveling to Hot Springs for the School Improvement Conference. There we will be attending workshops that will provide key strategies for helping students achieve and ultimately be removed from the focus school status.

Mr. Tim Erwin stated to the board that during our July or August board meeting the students that traveled to New York will give a report on their trip.

Mr. Lodie Dixon from Kinco attended the board meeting and gave an update on the building project. The elementary and dining wing pads have been completed and if the weather holds out within the week the gymnasium pads should be complete. Concrete contractors will begin next Monday and footings will be dug. The concrete will be poured from west to east. A soil engineer is on site to evaluate the dirt and determine if it can hold the weight of the building.

The next item on the agenda approval of 2016 Audit

Superintendent Curtis Turner informed the board that the district had received our final audit for the 2015-2016 school year, and this was the best audit he had ever received. It was clean and the auditors commented on how good the audit was. Superintendent Turner stated that the audit was "clean as a whistle" and thanks the ladies in his office, Frankie, Marla and Rob. Superintendent Turner is honored to recommend the board to approve the 2015-2016 audit. A motion was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn to approve the 2016 audit. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda is approve moving money to be moved to the building fund.

Superintendent Turner informed the board that he is recommending moving a million dollars from the operating fund into the building fund. Superintendent Turner is recommending the board's approval to move one million dollars from the operating fund to the building fund. A motion to approve moving one million dollars from the operating fund to the building fund was made by Mrs. Zemeria Newton and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda is Bus Lease.

Superintendent Turner stated to the board that last month he mentioned to the board about wanting to lease three buses. This is a lease /purchase agreement for 3 years. At the end of three years the district would have the option to buy the buses. Superintendent Turner informed the board that the purpose for leasing is to not deplete our operating balance. The cost is \$48,000 per year for 3 buses, at the end of 3 years the money already expended on the buses will come off the balance that is due. Delivery date for the new buses could be up to 180 days, and the first payment is due upon the arrival of the buses. Central States Bus Sales will be responsible for the upkeep of the buses during the lease. The district would be responsible for general maintenance on the buses. Superintendent Turner is recommending the board approve the lease/purchase agreement with Central States Bus Sales. A motion was made Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn to lease/purchase three buses from Central States Bus Sales in the amount of \$48,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda is Executive Session: Personnel.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mrs. Sheila Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 4-0. The board went into executive session at 6:57 pm.

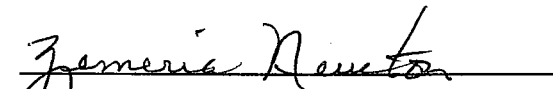
A motion to return from executive session was made by Mrs. Sheila Jackson at 7:28 pm and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn.

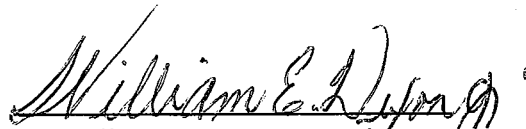
Superintendent Curtis Turner recommended the board to accept the resignation of Araceli Hernandez, Michelle Green, and Rashad Sims. The motion to accept the resignation of Araceli Hernandez, Michelle Green, and Rashad Sims was made by

Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Turner recommended the board to approve the hiring of the following staff for the 2017-2018 school year: Stacy Gaddis - 6th grade math, Lana Burney – 6th grade Literacy, Drake Staggs Coach/Science, and increasing Chad Freeman to a 12 month contract. A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Jackson to approve the hiring of said staff and increase Chad Freeman's contract for 12 months and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Jackson. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Zemeria Newton, Secretary


William Dixon, President