

Mineral Springs School District

School Board Meeting Minutes

The Mineral Springs School Board met in regular session March 12, 2018 in the library on the Mineral Springs campus. The meeting was called to order by President William Dixon at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was done. Mrs. Shelia Jackson was absent. A quorum was established. The prayer was led by Mr. Turner.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. 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.

Mrs. Frankie Darr gave an overview of the financial statement for February 2018. The non-restricted balance for the month was \$2,972,765.14. The district's all fund balance for the month was \$17,984,017.37.

The motion to approve the financial statement as stated was made by Mrs. Jamie Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 6-0.

Old Business.

The next item on the agenda is Building Report.

Mr. Lodie Dixon gave the building update. A drone shot of the building site was passed out to the board, it was taken last month. Mr. Dixon informed the board that HVHC wiring and plumbing is being installed by the end of the month, exterior work has begun and by weeks end all precast bleachers will be in place. Trim is being put up in area 1. Elementary area has paint on the walls. Mr. Turner said construction was 50% complete and December 2018 is the projected completion of the building. Mr. Turner informed the board that we're on target to complete the building project within the budget guidelines as long as we stick to the plans. Mr. Turner also informed the board that the district did not qualify for FEMA money for the extra storm shelter, however, the hallways in the new facility have been reinforced to sustain storms. Mr. Turner believes that

contingency funds will be left to help with furnishing the new facility. Mr. Turner stated it was discussed earlier on how to formulate existing buildings and decide what would come out and what would stay. Mr. Turner assured the board that funds were there to complete the building project.

New Business.

Elementary & High School Report.

Principal Stacy Gauldin informed the board that Parent Teacher Conferences were held February 15, 2018. We had a wonderful turn out with most grades levels reporting a 75% participation. Our 1st and 2nd graders participated in Battle of the Books at the Coop last week. I am proud today that our 2nd grade team came in 4th place out of 17 teams. I am so proud of these students; they worked hard, were excited and looked great. Our 3rd and 4th grade teams are going to compete this week. Literacy night will be this Thursday, March 15th at 5:30 in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity for parents to come out and see what we are doing in literacy and even get a free hot dog. On Friday, we have invited parents to come play basketball against our Sr. High students. The price for admission is \$2.00. This is a fund raiser for prom as well as a parental involvement for our parents. Report cards will go home on March 29, 2018. I looked at the interim reports for the ACT ASpire that we gave last week. I only looked at two grades this afternoon, and I am proud to report that almost 50% of our 4th graders met benchmark in reading and math. This is up from about 20% in January. Also in 3rd grade we had about 35% met benchmark in reading and math. This is an improvement from about 15% in January. We are making progress...we are getting there. I am so proud of how hard our teachers and students are working. Our ACT Aspire Summative testing will start the second week of April.

The next item on the agenda is Student Report: ACT Success Stories.

Bianca Garcia and Daniel Rojas gave a report to the board about methods they were taught on how to answer questions on the ACT test. Bianca Garcia and Daniel Rojas are juniors at the high school, and each student scored 25 on the ACT test. Junior, John Marshall was unable to attend the meeting but also scored a 25 on his last ACT test.

The next item on the agenda is Minority Recruitment Report.

High School Counselor, Mrs. Jeanette Lampkins informed the board that she attended the ADE Recruitment meeting; she passed out a folder to the board with applicants and resumes. Mineral Springs needs elementary and high school teachers.

The next item on the agenda is the Waiver Request.

Superintendent Forte informed the board that she requested a waiver of provisions of ARK Code Ann 6-10-106 that requires the first day of school to start on the same day as area schools.

The next item on the agenda is Retention Bonus.

Superintendent Forte informed the board that ADE will send Mineral Springs School District the amount to pay for retention bonuses.

The next item on the agenda is approval of new food program.

Superintendent Forte introduced the K-12 Culinary Connection LLC to the board. Jesse Mills is president of K-12 Culinary Connection, and has been in business 4 years and supplies 16 school districts in Arkansas with their consulting services and help smaller schools save on their food purchases. Meals are nutritionally prepared with over a thousand scratch cooking recipes and batch cooking; registered dieticians work with the cooks making sure they are USDA approved. The contract is a one year contract that will begin July 1, 2018. Superintendent Forte recommend the board approve to use the services provided by K-12 Culinary Connection LLC. A motion to approve the services of Culinary 12-Connection was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson. The motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Forte recommended the board's approval for financial disclosure forms for Mrs. Donna Dixon. A motion to approve the financial disclosure for Mrs. Donna Dixon was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson. The motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Forte recommended the board's approval of the financial disclosure form for Mrs. Inez Gentry. A motion to approve the financial disclosure form for Mrs. Inez Gentry was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Forte informed the board of the AIA Performance Bond for the repair of the track with a cost of \$184,190.04 and recommended the board's approval. A motion to approve the AIA Performance Bond for track repair with a

cost of \$184,190.04 was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn. The motion carried 6-0.

The next item on the agenda is Track update.

Superintendent Forte informed the board that when the tracks top layer was removed there were grooves and ridges. JCon Inc. did the tracks runway and would make the repair for the amount of \$9,569.00. Superintendent Forte recommended the board's approval to let JCon Inc. repair the grooves and ridges for the amount of \$9,569.00. A motion to approve J Con Inc. repair the grooves and ridges for the amount of \$9,569.00 was made by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson. The motion carried 6-0.

The next item on the agenda is 2018-2019 school calendar.

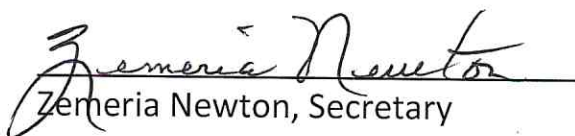
Superintendent Forte recommended the board approval for the 2018-2019 school calendar. A motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar was made by Mr. Mike Erwin and seconded by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson.

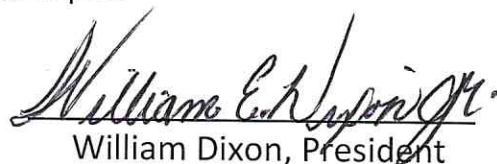
A motion to go into executive session was made by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin. The motion carried 6-0. The board went into executive session at 7:34 pm.

A motion to return from executive session was made by Mrs. Jaimie Jackson at 8:54 pm and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin.

Superintendent Thelma Forte recommended the board to bundle approve the resignation or retirement of licensed and classified personnel. Retirement of Certified staff: Lynne Cooley, Rick Hart, Laurel McCarter, Kathy Pierce, Madonna Scott, and Deborah Sims. Resignations of custodial staff: Martha Forte, Robyn Walton, and Marla Williams. A motion to approve the bundle retirement/resignation as stated was made by Mr. Ray Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ray Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Mike Erwin. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.


Zemeria Newton, Secretary


William Dixon, President