

Minutes of the Hermitage School Board Meeting

November 14, 2016

The Hermitage Board of Education met Monday, November 14, 2016 in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Hermitage School District Board Room. The following members were present: Russell Richard, Kevin Reep, Gary Vines, Harold Hampton, Dorothy Davis, and Mary Hamilton. Dr. Tracy Tucker, Superintendent, was in attendance, as well as Carla Sparks with Arkansas Children's Hospital, and Gregg Reep with Saline River Chronicle.

The minutes from the October 11, 2016 were read. The motion to approve was made by Harold Hampton. The second was by Kevin Reep. The motion passed 6-0.

The financial report was reviewed. The motion to accept the financial report and pay bills was made by Mary Hamilton. The second was by Dorothy Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

Carla Sparks, with Arkansas Children's Hospital, gave the Board information on the School-based Telemedicine. A MOU will be presented to the Board at a later date for approval of the project, which should roll out in August 2017.

Dr. Tucker gave the reports to the Board.

An update on the Workforce/Work Ready Communities Grant (partnership with the UAM-CTC) was provided. This grant will provide a piece of robotic equipment to Hermitage High School next year, along with curriculum for a beginning robotics course.

Dr. Tucker shared with the Board information on an option to lease purchase a controlled access and surveillance system for the district. Dr. Tucker, Leslie Huitt, and Kashif Kincaid still have more research to do on this project and will come back to the Board in December with a recommendation. There is a tax incentive with this project that will expire December 31, 2016.

A recommendation was made to approval a cell phone policy specific for online testing. This policy will be sent home to all parents and shared with students and staff. The motion to accept this recommendation was made by Kevin Reep. The second was by Harold Hampton. The motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The board came out of Executive Session.

The Board voted to hire Dr. Tucker as Superintendent for a 3-year term. The motion to hire was made by Mary Hamilton. The second was by Kevin Reep. The motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Tucker recommended the hiring of Joel Avance, short bus route; Charles Thomas, medium bus route; and Jamie Corker, CO Business Assistant. Dr. Tucker requested approval for Tyler Caruthers to give private baseball lessons and Alicia Avery to provide student tutoring outside of their contract with the Hermitage School District. The motion to accept these recommendations was made by Gary Vines. The second was by Kevin Reep. The motion passed 6-0.

The motion to adjourn was made by Harold Hampton. The second was Kevin Reep. The motion passed 6-0.

President

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Secretary

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