

Records and Proceedings
Board of Directors
De Queen School District #17
June 1, 2016

The De Queen School Board met in regular session Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the administration office with the following members present: Mr. Randy Hedge, Mrs. Sandy Huntsberger, Mrs. Gloria Caldwell and Dr. Kenny Martin.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hedge.

The invocation was given by Mr. Hedge.

The May minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Huntsberger, seconded by Dr. Martin.

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Mrs. Huntsberger, May bills were approved.

Old Business: We will begin renovating the old cafeteria at the High School into classrooms. It will house the Career Coach, EAST, Migrant and a room for Ms. Whatley. This will clear up some classrooms for growth.

We are preparing to build a retaining wall on the west side of the Middle School. The brick on administration building will be painted. L & M Plumbing checked out the service lines for the bathrooms at the Old Elementary and they were ok, so they will start renovating them.

Mrs. Phillips said there are quite a few rooms left to renovate in the old Elementary School.

We are planning to tear out the landscaping at the Admin office.

They have started preparing for the new metal building by the track. Lovell Tollett is going to tear down the old building.

Mr. Hedge wanted to recognize the hard work by the maintenance crew at the school and in preparation for the graduation ceremonies. He heard a lot of positive comments on graduation. Mr. Hill, Mr. Blackwood and Mrs. Ramona Hill met and talked about a few adjustments for graduation next year.

On a motion Dr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, the board approved unanimously to accept property insurance bid from ASBA in the amount of \$93,435.28. No other bids were submitted.

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Mrs. Huntsberger the board approved unanimously a bid of \$32,560.00 from Risk Management Insurance for vehicle insurance. No other bids were submitted.

With a motion from Mrs. Huntsberger and a second from Mrs. Caldwell the board unanimously approved a salary increase for the Special Ed Paraprofessionals starting at \$10.50 for those that have passed the ParaPro Assessment test and \$11.00 for those that have 2 years of college.

With a motion from Dr. Martin and a second from Mrs. Caldwell the board unanimously approved the State mandated increase in school lunches from \$1.40 to \$1.50. The breakfast was also increased to \$1.00.

With a motion from Mrs. Caldwell and a second from Mrs. Huntsberger the board voted unanimously to table the discussion on Coaches stipends and Administrator stipends until the July board meeting.

With a motion from Dr. Martin and a second from Mrs. Huntsberger the board unanimously approved the classified salary schedule due to increase in Minimum wage and changes to the Pay Rate Schedule.

Mrs. Huntsberger made a motion to approve selling five busses that are to be retired. Mrs. Caldwell seconded the motion and it was approved with a unanimous vote.

With a motion from Mrs. Caldwell and a second from Mrs. Huntsberger the board voted unanimously to approve one student transfer from De Queen to Dierks and one from De Queen to Horatio.

Mrs. Huntsberger made a motion that we contract with Liles Therapy Inc. to do Medicaid billing. It was seconded by Dr. Martin. It was approved with a 4-0 vote.

With a motion from Mrs. Huntsberger and a second by Mrs. Caldwell the board approved the Resolution to conduct election by early/absentee only in the event that there is no more than one candidate per position with a vote 4-0.

The board went into executive session at 12:30 P.M. to discuss personnel and returned at 1:06 P.M.

On a motion by Mrs. Huntsberger, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell the board approved the following resignations with a 4-0 vote:

Beau Brickell-Boys Basketball
Jill Smith-Elem
Pam Tollett-Retire
Shirley Ruth-Cafeteria

Lorine Ayers-Bus
Stephanie Davis-High School
Aurora Rojas-Cafeteria
Carla Wolcott-Housekeeper

On a motion by Mrs. Huntsberger, seconded by Dr. Martin the board approved hiring the superintendent's recommendations with a 4-0 vote.

Larry Brewer-Maintenance
Dedra McCastlain-Primary
Susie Mendez-RN
Jacob Wayne Lee-HS Boys Basketball
Valerie Graham-RN
MacKenzie Bonds-EAST

Maria Varela De Ocampo-Housekeeper
Lisa Smith-Primary
Morgan Chunn-Vocal Music
Sara Beth Matlock-GT Coordinator
Judith Young-LPN
Sandra Thompson-Elem

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, July 1, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Martin the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

President, Board of Directors
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