

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIERKS BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 6:00 P.M. DIERKS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

MEMBERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

Bubba McSpadden, Presiding Officer
Wendell Garner, Jeffrey Mounts, Brad Garner, Trey Eckert

MEETING NUMBER 9

Bubba McSpadden called the meeting to order and by a consensus of the board suspended the order of business and began with item H. Consider Student Expulsion.

The parent of student #11774 requested an open meeting with the school board to discuss the proposed expulsion of her child. She presented her perspective and asked questions of the administration and the administration's legal counsel. Once all comments and questions concluded, the board adjourned to executive session to consider all information attained. Executive session began at 7:35 and they returned to open session at 7:46.

A motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to accept the superintendent's recommendation to expel student #11774 until February 28, 2018. The student will be allowed to take online classes in order to continue progress toward graduation in May 2018.

The board took a brief recess prior to returning to the meeting's agenda. The meeting was called back to order at 8:01 with Jeffrey Mounts opening with prayer.

The minutes of the October 9th, and October 26th board meetings were approved by a consensus of the board.

The financial reports were approved by a consensus of the board as presented by the superintendent.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to approve holding the Jr./Sr. Prom on April 21, 2018 at the Black Pearl in Mineral Springs.

A motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to approve the following resolution choosing to hold Dierks annual school election in May:

"Whereas, Ark. Code Ann. §6-14-102(a) (Act 910 of 2017), authorizes a school district to hold its annual school election on (1) the date of the preferential primary election in even-numbered years and the date that would be designated as the preferential primary election in odd-numbered years if a general election was held in the odd-numbered year; or (2) the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each year; and

Whereas, the school district is required to notify the County Clerk which election date it chooses to hold its annual school election by the first day of the filing period for a candidate in a primary election;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Dierks School District No. 2 of Howard County, Arkansas (the "District");

Section 1. That the District chooses to hold the 2018 annual school election on May 22nd.

Section 2. That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to present this Resolution to the County Clerk of Howard County prior to December 31, 2017.

Section 3. That all resolution and parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That the Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption."

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to renew ASBA business trip accidental death and dismemberment coverage for calendar year 2018.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to waive the use of facilities fees for the Pee Wee teams for both gyms. This waiver is dependent upon leaving the facilities clean.

A motion by Trey Eckert and seconded by Wendell Garner passed unanimously to accept the Arkansas Legislative Auditing Committee 's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The district had no findings and as such received a good audit result.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to approve a trip to Texarkana to go bowling for the elementary and high school special education students on November 16th.

A motion by Brad Garner and seconded by Wendell Garner passed unanimously to approve a trip to Texarkana for FACS foods class to go to Osaka Restaurant.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Trey Eckert passed unanimously to approve sending a proposed classified schedule to the classified staff to vote on.

A motion by Wendell Garner and seconded by Jeffrey Mounts passed unanimously to approve a non-recurring \$1,000 bonus for all certified and classified staff as a Christmas bonus. The bonus will be paid in the November payroll process.

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel at 8:33 p.m. They returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

A motion by Jeffrey Mounts and seconded by Brad Garner passed unanimously to accept Dr. Holly Cothren's notice of retirement effective June 30, 2018.

Discussion of other items included:

1. Elementary Fun Fest was a success and Mrs. Byrne expressed her appreciation for the support the community gives for this activity. Elementary students will be participating in Quiz Bowl this week. Veteran's Day celebration will be on Friday at 10:30 at the high school. Progress reports

go out on Friday. No school on Monday, the 13th or the week of November 20th. Grover Hill will be here on the 9th at 11:30 to help students with FAFSA. Basketball season opens on the 14th at DeQueen. Progress reports for high school students go out on the 17th.

2. The Board would like to express gratitude for all the years of devoted service Dr. Cothren had given to our students, teachers and community. They wished her the best in her future endeavors.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

President

Secretary

Approval Date