

MINUTES OF THE October 16, 2012 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

At 6:05 p.m., Dr. Thurman introduced Aaron Randolph to recognize AP Scholars. Mr. Randolph announced that we had 57 AP Scholars in our district, many of which graduated in May 2012. The following current students were recognized:

AP Scholars

Joseph Hendricks
Sydney Hickok
Celina Miranda
Melissa Ray
Dennison Schultz
Ryan Stafford
Christina Williams

AP Scholars with Honors

Brianna Barry
Rebecca Davis
Brandon Miller
Anya Mobbs
Andrew Shaddox
Ahmed Stivers

AP Scholars with Distinction

Zayne Derden
Emily Riley

Mr. Randolph recognized the following students as National Merit Semi-Finalists:

Rebecca Davis
Hayden Elliott
Clay Killingsworth
Celina Miranda
Emily Riley

Dr. Thurman introduced Lonoke County Clerk Dawn Porterfield, who administered at swearing in ceremony for Mark Russell and Ricky Hill.

Board President Dean Martin called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Those in attendance were School Board members Wendel Msall, Donna Nash, Brian Evans, Mark Russell, Corey Williams and Ricky Hill. Also in attendance were Dr. Tony Thurman, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Tammy Tucker, Directors, Administrators, media, and community members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the regular September School Board meeting were approved as presented.

September financials were approved as presented.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Tech Time Community Program – Linda Payne distributed Tech Time brochures to show the technology classes that will be offered to community members on Thursdays.

Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) – Michele French reported on the ELO program that will be offered at our Title 1 schools. ELO will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Students are receiving invitations this week and transportation will be provided for this program.

Teacher Excellence Support System (TESS) – Tammy Tucker presented information on the new teacher evaluation system that is required under the state's waiver from No Child Left Behind. The Teacher Excellence Support System (TESS) will require administrators to attend extensive trainings to learn about the new system. We will begin focusing on TESS training in the spring semester. Administrators will be required to complete 24 hours of online training and complete a 6 hour assessment on TESS.

Principal Evaluation System – Mrs. Tucker explained that the superintendent and principals will attend training this summer on the new principal evaluation system.

Common Core Training Update – Mrs. Tucker reported that we continue to provide Common Core trainings to our faculty. Meetings have started with high school faculty in preparation for their Common Core implementation next year.

High School Math Curriculum – Mrs. Tucker explained that with the Common Core implementation at the high school level there will be significant changes in the math curriculum. The fourth year math courses are extremely rigorous and include courses such as Algebra 3, Calculus, Advanced Topics, Pre-Calculus. All students must complete one of these courses in order to obtain a high school diploma.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Buildings and Grounds Report – Dr. Harold Jeffcoat provided an update on the construction projects throughout the district. The mason work on building four of the Freshman Academy is almost complete and steel work started today. All pier and beam work on building one will be completed this week.

Dr. Jeffcoat recently met with the contractors for the baseball/softball complex to work on a timeline to complete many of the smaller jobs to complete this project. We are working on the final punch list for the high school science labs, and fencing was installed at Westside Elementary and Middle School South.

Cabot Panther Foundation Update – Board member Corey Williams provided an update on the activities of the Cabot Panther Foundation. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 25 and tickets are still available. Real Proud Real Panthers recognitions are recognized at our football games and will continue at basketball games. The Foundation's hospitality suite will be open for conference basketball games this year. Dancing With the Cabot Stars is in planning stages for the Foundation's Spring fundraiser.

ASBA New School Board Member Training – New board member Ricky Hill provided an overview of the training he and Dr. Thurman attended for new school board members.

Upcoming School Board Training – For information.

Healthy Panther Newsletter - For information.

Current Enrollment – For information.

Free and Reduced Lunch Percentages – For information.

Upcoming Events – For information.

ACTION

The board voted to adopt the final resolution for the second lien bond issue as presented. Motion by Corey Williams, second by Brian Evans; passed 6-0-1. Ricky Hill abstained.

The board voted to approve the resource officers' agreement with the City of Cabot where Cabot Public Schools is responsible to reimburse the City for 45% of the resource officers' salaries up to \$70,000. Motion by Donna Nash, second by Wendel Msall; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve food service policy revision #1, which states students in grades 7th through 12th are responsible for their own meals after a charged balance of more than \$10. Motion by Wendel Msall, second by Donna Nash; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the semester exam exemption policy to include grades 7th through 12th. Motion by Brian Evans, second by Ricky Hill; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the assurances for programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 for ACSIP. Motion by Corey Williams, second by Mark Russell; passed 7-0.

The board voted to release student Z.S. from the Cabot School District to attend the Lonoke School District. Motion by Ricky Hill, second by Wendel Msall; passed 7-0.

The board voted to uphold the administration's decision to expel student C.S. for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year and grant the administration the flexibility to modify the length of the expulsion. Motion by Wendel Msall, second by Corey Williams; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the following new slate of officers:

Corey Williams, President
Mark Russell, Vice President
Donna Nash, Secretary

Motion by Wendel Msall, second by Dean Martin; passed 7-0.

The board voted to approve the resolution requesting a waiver from the 30 day substitute limit for the spouse of a board member for Ann Martin, wife of board member Dean Martin. The rule states a board member's family member may substitute up to 30 days or \$5,000, otherwise a waiver from the ADE is necessary. The board asked for a waiver of the 30 days only and to allow the \$5,000 limit to remain in

effect. Dean Martin excused himself from the meeting before the discussion and voting. Motion by Mark Russell, second by Brian Evans; passed 6-0.

The board voted to approve a waiver disclosure and resolution on Ricky Hill, board member, and Bank of the Ozarks at the recommendation of administration. Ricky Hill excused himself from the meeting before the discussion and voting. Motion by Wendel Msall, second by Donna Nash; passed 6-0.

The board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The board voted to accept personnel recommendations from administration.



President



Secretary