

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2013 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

### CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Vice President Donna Nash called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Corey Williams, Brian Evans, Wendel Msall, and Ricky Hill. Also in attendance were Dr. Tony Thurman, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Tammy Tucker, directors, administrators, media, and community members. Board members Mark Russell and Dean Martin were absent.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the regular October and the special called October school board meetings were approved as presented.

October financials were approved as presented.

#### RECOGNITION

***Hometown Health Poster Contest Winners*** Milton Garris and Billy Dougherty from the Lonoke County Hometown Health Coalition recognized the following students for being selected as winners in the Lonoke County Hometown Health Poster Contest:

Eastside Elementary – Haylea Simmons  
Magness Creek – Charla Weatherley  
Mtn. Springs Elementary – Katie McGloflin  
Northside Elementary – Angel Dunkin  
Southside Elementary – Kamelia Skinner  
Stagecoach Elementary-Bryson Passmore  
Ward Central - Ava Loe  
Ward Central – Jessie Rhodus  
Westside Elementary – Honesty London

#### CURRICULUM REPORT

***AP Academy*** – Aaron Randolph reported that there are currently 187 students in the AP Academy in grade 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. For students to complete the AP Academy, they must work on an individual community service project and complete at least 40 hours. The following are some of the projects our students are working on:

Museum of Discovery  
Tutoring  
Cabot Animal Shelter  
Science Lab

Literacy Projects  
Safe Haven  
Creative Writing Lab

**Freshman Academy** – Tanya Spillane reported that she recently met with student leadership teams from Junior High North and Junior High South. The students were provided the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions regarding the Freshman Academy.

**Technology Projects** – Kendal Wells reported that we are making great progress in the Wi-Fi structure of the district. The project should be completed by Christmas to have a Wi-Fi access point installed in every classroom.

BJ Brooks reported on the successful use of Chromebooks in the classroom. We currently have 618 Chromebooks in the district. She also reported on a project that Computer Science Ed is doing the week of December 9. They are asking people across the nation to experience coding during that week. All of our kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in this activity during their computer lab classes that week.

**Tech and Learning Article** – Dr. Thurman recognized BJ Brooks for a contribution she made to the *Tech and Learning* magazine. A picture of Kendal Wells was also included in the magazine from a conference they attended.

**Accountability Designation** – For information.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Buildings and Grounds Report** – Dr. Jeffcoat provided an update of the building projects throughout the district. Building 1 of the Freshman Academy is 90% complete. The science equipment and bathroom fixtures are scheduled to be delivered next week. Area 1 has 70% of the ceiling tile installed and the floor tile will be installed after Thanksgiving break. Doors and windows are being installed in building 2, and painters will begin painting in the cafeteria on Monday. All of the outside finish work should be complete after Thanksgiving as long as the weather cooperates. The first coat of paint is being applied to the Ward Central Elementary dining expansion and the brick is complete.

**German American Partnership Program (GAPP)** – German Teacher Betsy Leopard presented information to the board about an opportunity to take some of our students on a 29 day exchange trip to Germany. Students will live with German families, speak German in their everyday activities, and make presentations about Cabot, Arkansas and the United States in the schools. German students would come to Cabot to experience American culture and schools.

**Legislative Audit** – For information. Dr. Thurman read an excerpt of a letter from the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee commending the district for continued substantial compliance in all areas of fiscal accounting.

**Cabot Panther Foundation** – For information.

**Healthy Panther Newsletter** – For information.

**Free and Reduced Lunch** – For information.

**Enrollment** – For information.

**ACTION**

The board voted to approve a partnership with the City of Cabot of \$10,000 for a fourth school resource officer.

Motion by Ricky Hill, second by Wendel Msall; passed 5-0.

The board voted to accept the CPPT's recommendation to increase the base rate by 30 cents per hour for the following classified salary schedules: custodian, food service, interpreter, maintenance, bus mechanic, office/clerical, bookkeeping, technology, and paraprofessional. This also includes an increase to the base of the bus driver salary schedule by 75 cents per day. Motion by Brian Evans, second by Ricky Hill; passed 5-0.

The board voted to accept the PPC's recommendation to add \$700 to the base on the certified salary schedule based on a 190 contract.

Motion by Corey Williams, second by Wendel Msall; passed 5-0.

The board voted to approve a disclosure statement between Martha Marshall and Miss Martha's Bed and Breakfast not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion by Ricky Hill, second by Corey Williams; passed 5-0.

The board voted to deny the legal transfer of student H.H. from the Cabot School District to the Beebe School District.

Motion by Corey Williams, second by Brian Evans; passed 4-1.

The board voted to uphold the administration's recommendation of expulsion of student M.H. for the remainder of the fall semester to return for the spring semester beginning January 6, 2014.

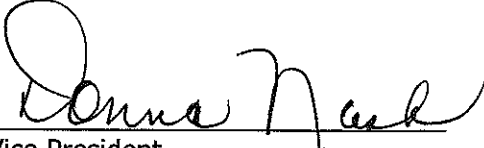
Motion by Ricky Hill, second by Wendel Msall; passed 5-0.


The board voted to uphold the administration's recommendation of expulsion of student K.M. for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year ending May 29, 2014.

Motion by Ricky Hill second by Corey Williams; passed 5-0.

The board voted to accept personnel recommendations from administration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

  
Vice President

  
Secretary