

# Hoxie Public School

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

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## Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2017

The Hoxie School Board met for their regular school board meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017, with four members present. Mr. Danny Kopp being absent. President Dobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, to accept the minutes from the March regular meeting.

A financial report was given by Superintendent Baker. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to accept the financial report as presented.

An audit report was given by Superintendent Baker. There were no findings on the report. Two comments (1) a generator on the inventory could not be found – corrective action – was removed from inventory, it was purchased during the 2009 ice storm, (2) Gravel in the amount of \$225.00 was purchased from a vendor who has a spouse that works at the school – corrective action – board adopted a resolution allowing the school to purchase items less than \$5000.00 from the vendor.

Superintendent Baker asked Mrs. Gillham to do the honor of recognizing middle school counselor Mrs. Andrea Vancil. Mrs. Gillham told the board and others present that Mrs. Vancil has been selected to be the Northeast Arkansas Middle School Counselor of the Year. Mrs. Vancil has also received certification as career coach.

Superintendent Baker stated that districts cannot start school before August 14<sup>th</sup> or the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. This year August 19<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday therefore we can start school on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Baker recommended that the school board accept the proposed school calendar for the 2017-18 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, to accept the proposed 2017-18 school calendar.

Superintendent Baker informed the board members that 27 students have requested to attend Hoxie School through Freedom of Choice and recommended that the board accept the student's applications. A motion was made by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, to accept the freedom of choice applicants.

Superintendent Baker informed the board members that he has spoken with the principals and they wish to recommend that all classified personnel that wish to return for the 2017-18 school year, be offered contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to offer contracts to those individuals.

Superintendent Baker presented before the board a certified and classified salary schedule for the 2017-18 school year. The salary schedule reflects an increase for master and BSE teachers, according to the state requirements, and an increase of 1% for classified personnel. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept the salary schedule as presented.

Superintendent Baker stated that we advertised for a Family and Consumer Science Teacher for the 2017-18 school year. There were seven applicants, of which three were certified. After careful consideration he recommended that the board hire Loretta Potts as FACS teacher for the 2017-18 school year on a probationary basis. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, to hire Loretta Potts as FACS teacher.

Mrs. Gillham, high school principal, gave her administrative report. (Copy Attached)

Mrs. Gates, elementary principal, gave her administrative report. (Copy Attached)

### **Old Business:**

Superintendent Baker asked for the board's approval to allow the school to start an EAST Lab starting with the 2017-18 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to allow the EAST lab as an elective course.

### **New Business:**

Superintendent Baker informed the board that three people wish to resign their position within the school. Kim Endsley wishes to resign as Cheer Coach; Bobbi Johnson wishes to resign as Dance Coach; and Randal Puckett wishes to resign as Elementary Athletic Director. A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept these resignations.

Superintendent Baker recommended that the board hire Andrew Gardner as Elementary Athletic Director in the place of Mr. Puckett. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to accept Superintendent Baker's recommendation.

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Superintendent Baker informed the board that Hoxie will have an Advanced Ed study on May 1-2, 2017.

The board moved the next regular meeting board meeting to Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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Date