

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 29, 2018 AT WHITEBEAD SCHOOL, 16476 NORTH COUNTY ROAD 3200, PAULS VALLEY, OK AT 3:15 P.M.

Tillery called the meeting to order at 3:19pm. Members present were Everett Plummer, Jess Patton and Ed Tillery.

The Board welcomed those in attendance and opened up the community forum for public comment and input regarding possible teacher work stoppage and potential shut down of schools due to funding.

Parents, students and teacher expressed their concern for school funding and their support of the Teacher Walk-out. Topics mentioned were the need for school supplies (which teachers often purchase with their own money), the use of out-dated text books, teachers leaving to go to other states, buses are needed and building repairs are needed. It was also stated that Oklahoma is rated poorly in outcomes of student achievement, student spending and educational opportunities. Parents with older and younger students as well as parents that attended Whitebead and now have children at Whitebead noted the difference they see because of the lack of funding and increased mandates. There was much discussion about the need to take a stand.

Ms. Wood addressed the community concerning state testing, transfer students, the fact that Whitebead is a dependent school and other concerns for the students and school. She thanked the teachers and parents and stated the need to go to the Capitol on Monday April 2nd.

The Board discussed the possible teacher work stoppage. The Board would like to support teachers and at the same time do not want to hurt the students current education. Tillery made the motion to close Whitebead School on Monday April 2, 2018 in order for the staff to advocate at the Capitol with Plummer making 2nd and Patton yes. The Board may take further action at Monday's regular board meeting.

The Board thanked the community for coming.

Patton made the motion to adjourn at 4:48pm with Plummer making 2nd and Tillery yes.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Rich