

# HOXIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Office of superintendent

## HOXIE, ARKANSAS 72433

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

MINUTES

The official meeting was called to order by President Mike Hart @ 7:21

Item #11 was moved up on the agenda. Mr. Baker explained that Hoxie had a bus go down the first week of school. This was considered an emergency. After Mr. Baker consulted the board members individually, bids were taken via phone by Matt Kopp. Central State bus sales had an 84 passenger bus ready for \$104,000. Stephens, Inc. was contacted for issuance of post-dated warrants. Jeff Worlow made a motion to purchase the bus with post-dated warrants. Nathan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

A resolution authorizing post-dated warrants was presented to the board. Mike Hart motioned to approve the resolution, David Dobbs seconded, motion passed unanimously.

An update to the post-issuance compliance manual was discussed. Page 6, section F was updated. Mike Hart made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the update. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Jeff Worlow.

A motion was made by Jeff Worlow and seconded by Nathan Romine to approve the previous regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from August 11, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Middlecoff addressed the board and asked that they consider hiring a live body for Spanish instead of a computer instructor. He also had a concern regarding the school rules limiting the number of away games cheerleaders could cheer at. Kelly Gillham, High School Principal was recognized to address the questions. During the 2013-14 school year, Mrs. Gillham received many complaints from the cheerleading squad during mid-basketball season. After cheering so many games during the year, they began to burnout and did not cheer at some basketball tournament games. After consulting with the Athletic Director, Tom Sears, it was decided that limiting the number of away games for all sports would help alleviate burnout. Regarding Spanish, Mrs. Gillham explained that Hoxie is now using virtual Arkansas. It is the first year for the on-line courses and there were several kinks to work out due to the volume of participation around the state. The pros for the program are that they are set up on blackboard, like college courses. This will assist students with their transition to college and hopefully decrease the dropout rates.

Darlene Shoe, Yearbook sponsor, addressed the board. Ms. Shoe reported the sales in annuals are decreasing. She has tried various marketing techniques. Every student gets an order form and it is advertised thoroughly. However, inflation has driven prices up and many students cannot afford to purchase annuals. Ad sales have also seen a decline. Walsworth was contracted to prepare the annuals and the cost has been cut from \$16-18,000 to \$9,500 this year. Ms. Shoe also demonstrated some additions to the videos such as a free app that will be encoded on pictures in the yearbook and will play videos of the student. Hopefully, the cut in cost and technological advances to boost sales will have the annual operating at a profit for the 2014-15 school year.

Suzanne Allen presented the financial report for month ending August 31st. A motion was made by Lonnie Smith and seconded by Jeff Worlow to accept the financial reports as submitted and presented by Suzanne Allen, District Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.



Mr. Baker recommended appointing Mike Hart as disbursing officer for the district. Jeff Worlow made the motion with a second by Lonnie Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Baker presented the budget for 2014-15. After a recommendation to accept the budget as proposed a motion was made by Jeff Worlow and seconded by David Dobbs. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Lonnie Smith and seconded by Mike Hart to accept the completed disclosure form prepared by Stephens, Inc. at an annual cost of \$1,500.

Mr. Baker recommended the school adopt the personnel policy presented for the 2014-15 school year. ASBA model policies were purchased for this school year. However, Mr. Baker would like to spend the year having the personnel policy committee review ASBA's model policy and adapt those to Hoxie School and put them in place during the 2015-16 school year. Jeff Worlow made a motion to accept Mr. Baker's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously after being seconded by David Dobbs.

Mr. Baker presented two transfer requests and recommended the board approve both transfers. Lonnie Smith made a motion to grant the transfer. Mike Hart seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made to hire Lisa Wright as Elementary Paraprofessional and renew Nancy Hoffman's contract for student psychological testing. Nathan Romine made a motion to accept Mr. Baker's recommendations. David Dobbs seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker presented a resignation from Jackie Fultner as Custodial Supervisor. She will remain working as a custodian but resigned the duties of Supervisor. David Dobbs motioned to accept the resignation, Nathan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker presented and recommended the minority teacher report. Mike Hart made a motion to accept the report as presented, Nathan Romine seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The dance team is entering its second year and has been a success. Mr. Baker recommended adding a \$2000 stipend to the salary schedule for the dance team sponsor. Nathan Romine made the motion, Lonnie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old business – Richard Grammar, former custodian, requested a hearing.

A motion was made by David Dobbs and seconded by Jeff Worlow to enter executive session at @ 8:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The board returned from executive session with no action taken at 9:30 p.m.

 Governing Board Secretary

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