

Hoxie Public School
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JANUARY 2016 BOARD MINUTES

The Hoxie School Board met for its regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 2016, at 7 o'clock with all members present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Dobbs, seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision.

Superintendent Baker presented the financial report. After discussion and explanations by Mr. Baker, a motion was made by Mr. Romine, seconded by Mr. Dobbs, and accepted with a unanimous decision.

On a motion by Mr. Romine, seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, the board voted to allow Mr. Baker to advertise for bids for a new 71-passenger bus. He reminded the Board that he was continuing with his plan from two years ago when he started purchasing a bus each school year to upgrade our old bus fleet.

On a motion by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent to adopt a resolution for local support of the Facilities Master Plan for the 2015–2016 school year and to continue a partnership with project applications for the 2017–2019 biennium with Brett Kingrey, Facilities Facilitator. Mr. Baker explained that this resolution was required by school districts in Arkansas on every even year. Our school wealth index is 76% which means that our school district, if approved, could get 76% funding from the state for the costs of the projects. Patrons present at the meeting were encouraged to comment on the plan.

Administration reports.

Elementary—Principal Gates shared highlights of the Christmas Spirit Week, and that backpacks were re-filled over the Christmas break for 14 families, with several coming to the school themselves to pick them up, showing much appreciation. She concluded by reminding the board members that the peewee basketball season was still in full swing and continuing til middle February.

High School—Principal Gillham told the Board that our school district provided Christmas for over 43 Hoxie students through the “Giving Tree” organized by Brenda Brady in the Special Education Department. Mrs. Gillham shared that the first Mustang Classic Basketball Tournament hosted by our school went smoothly and that many parents and students had

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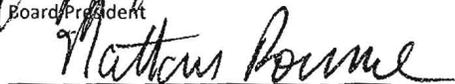
participated in running the hospitality room. Hoxie School would also be the host for the Lawrence County Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 14th. Homecoming festivities would begin on January 19th -22nd with homecoming royalty presented on Friday night, the 22nd. In conclusion, she stated that Hoxie School had bid on this year's Regional Basketball Tournament, and on the 2016-17 State Volleyball Tournament. She also said there had been many positive comments on the newly paved parking lots.

Old business: Mr. Baker stated he was very proud of the newly paved parking lots and that the drainage woes had been improved and hopefully taken care of. With all the heavy rain our area had received, he stated he had been apprehensive concerning the drainage, but that it had worked well, and added that drainage from the track and football field was also good, keeping the rest of the area free from flooding. Matt and Jerry, maintenance staff, had worked diligently on dredging out several ditches and areas to ensure better drainage.

New business: Superintendent Baker read the resolution from the Arkansas School Boards Association and the proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson stating that January had been named "School Board Recognition Month". To show special appreciation, Mr. Baker presented each board member a certificate, and thanking them for their service.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Kopp, a second by Mr. Romine, and a unanimous decision.



Board President


Board Secretary

1-8-16

Date Approved