

Hoxie Public School
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JUNE BOARD MINUTES

The Hoxie School Board met for its regular scheduled meeting on June 1, 2015, at 7 o'clock with all members present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Romine, seconded by Mr. Hart, with a unanimous decision.

Under public input, Mrs. Gillham recognized Donna Pinkston for her accomplishments. Mrs. Pinkston received the Regional Counselor of the Year award and the Arkansas State Counselor of the Year award for the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Gillham presented her with a plaque and flowers in honor of her awards.

The District Treasurer presented the financial report. The board accepted the financial report on a motion by Mr. Worlow, second by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision.

On a motion by Mr. Dobbs, seconded by Mr. Worlow, the board approved the Title VIB budget for the 2015-16 school year. Hoxie is participating in the pilot program to submit the federal special ed budget through Indistar.

The superintendent presented the board with information on student insurance and property insurance for the 2015-16 school year. A recommendation was made to stay with the current provider, Dwight Jones Agency, for student insurance and with ASBA (Arkansas School Board Association) for property and vehicle insurance. On a motion by Mr. Worlow, seconded by Mr. Dobbs, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent and passed with a unanimous decision.

The superintendent informed the board and asked for authorization to either bid or auction off 2 portable buildings; 2 old lawn mowers; 1984 Dodge truck; and contents of a storage building. On a motion by Mr. Worlow, seconded by Mr. Romine, with a unanimous decision, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent to bid or auction off the items.

On a motion by Mr. Romine, seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, the board accepted the resignation of Kelly Maxie, elementary instructional assistant; Casey Wells, agri teacher; and Beth Miles, self-contained special education teacher.

On a motion by Mr. Worlow, seconded by Mr. Dobbs, with a unanimous decision, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent to hire Homer Lenderman as agri instructor; Andrea Beaver as 7th & 8th grade math; Kam Ashabranner as PE/Drivers Ed/Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Kelly Wright as 3rd

Grade teacher; Jasa Haney-Hollis as special ed instructor; Jeff Blake as Dean of Students; Erika Bruce as instructional assistant; and Dunia Schweri as instructional assistant, on a probationary status for the 2015-2016 school year.

Superintendent Baker recognized Tim Cowen and Coach Sears for a presentation regarding turf for the football field. Mr. Cowen informed the board that he was working on preliminary contracts and provided the bid sheet. Bids were taken for individual pieces of the project and the project as a whole. The bids came in lowest as individual projects. Total projected costs for the football field and track are \$949,000. To complete the football field and prepare the tract for asphalt came in at \$749,000. After a recommendation by Mr. Baker to proceed with the \$749,000 project, Mr. Dobbs made a motion to begin the football field project and get the track ready for asphalt. Mr. Gates seconded, motion passed 5-0. Mr. Worlow stated that if the money was available, he would like to see the school asphalt the track as soon as possible. The board was in agreement. Superintendent Baker asked for permission to take bids on repairing and re-asphalting the parking lots on campus that were in poor condition and stated that he would bid the project with the track included. Mr. Romine made a motion to take bids, with a second from Mr. Worlow, motion passed 5-0.

Administrative Reports.

Coach Sears updated the board on the coaches meetings held throughout the year. Mr. Baker and Coach Sears met with the individual coaches to discuss expectations and how to improve all sports programs. For the 2015-16 school year, baseball, softball and volleyball will have an off-season program. Coach Sears commented that the athletic department felt it was the best way to build a program. Mr. Romine agreed and stated he wanted to see all sports programs at Hoxie develop into a true program like the football program has. The board was in unanimous support of the development of all programs and for the good of all students. Coach Sears and Mr. Baker will meet again with the coaches in the fall to discuss successes and develop plans for continued improvement in all areas.

Mrs. Gates informed the board that both Principals were checking out with teachers individually this year to give the administrators an opportunity to be more personable with the teachers and talk individually regarding their appreciation for the job they do, professional growth plans, individual performance and any concerns the staff member may have. Mrs. Gillham stated there have been some really good conversations and they both felt like it was a successful way to check out.

Mrs. Gillham distributed a suggested cell phone policy that was prepared by student council. Mr. Baker added that the handbook policies committee would meet this week, consider the suggestions and prepare a recommendation for the board in July.

Superintendent Baker informed the board of the following: (1) Sr. High basketball team will be traveling to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for a ball camp; (2) New band uniforms are going to be ordered at a cost of approximately \$28,000. Band has raised \$20,000 and the school will pay for the additional \$8,000.

Mr. Baker presented drawings for refurbishing the floors of both the Hick's and Mustang gymnasiums. To refurbish the Hick's gym floor, the cost would be \$19,900. Both floors will cost the district \$39,400.

Mr. Baker recommended the Hick's gym be refurbished at this time and to wait on the Mustang gym.

Mr. Hart made a motion to accept Mr. Baker's recommendation, Mr. Worlow seconded, motion passed 5-0.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date Approved