

**Hoxie Public School**  
**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT**  
**P.O. Box 240**  
**Hoxie, Arkansas 72433**

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2017**

The Hoxie School Board met for their regular school board meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017, with five members present. President Dobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Superintendent Baker informed the board that there are a few changes to the student handbook. The changes to the High School handbook are: Page 34, Late Arrival; page 34, Attendance policy; pages 35-35, Exemption policy; and page 60 Cell Phones. The Elementary changes are: Add parental involvement to handbook; add high school cheating policy to elementary handbook section; page 21, prohibited personal items added; page 15, add Katie French and Tami Watson to the dyslexia screening; page 14 and 15, Attendance policy changes; first period or homeroom teach will make call on dress code at the beginning of the day; page 17, shorts rule; page 44, add high school visitor policy to elementary; page 26-27 rules #11,12,13, and 17 add rule #15 disorderly conduct guidelines; page 28, bullying discipline. After reviewing the changes a motion was made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept the changes to the student handbook.

Superintendent Baker recommended that the board adopt the Acceptable use Policy and Internet Safety Policy. The only changes in the policy is on page 3. The State of Arkansas has supplied schools with a DNS filter which has been added. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Hart, with a unanimous decision, to adopt the Acceptable use Policy and Internet Policy.

Superintendent Baker recommended to the board to accept the resignation of Deanna Steele as Elementary ALE. A motion was made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to accept Deanna Steele's resignation.

Superintendent Baker recommended to the board to hire Elizabeth Robinson, Marleigh Sitibaldi, and Chelsea Flemon as Elementary teachers for the 2017-2018 school year on a probationary status. A motion was made by Mr. Romine and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to hire the three teachers listed above on a probationary status for the 2017-2018 school year.

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Mrs. Gillham, high school principal, gave her administrative report.

- The Agri Department is receiving a \$16,900.00 grant to purchase a plasma cutter for the shop.
- Lines have been painted on the new track
- August 10<sup>th</sup> is the open house from 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Volleyball season will kick off August 15 with a junior high benefit game and a senior high benefit volleyball game on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Football season will kick off with senior high scrimmage on August 21<sup>st</sup> and junior high scrimmage on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Hoxie was featured in the Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative Newsletter for the spring edition of 2017.

Mrs. Gates, elementary principal, gave her administrative report.

- Onsite professional development has been held on campus throughout the summer.
- Several classrooms are being painted and several doors replaced.
- Reorganization is going on in the K-6 bookroom which is used by teachers. Obsolete items are being purged for optimum usage by classrooms.
- New teacher orientation is July 26<sup>th</sup> in the elementary library.
- A free yard sale organized by Elementary Counselor, Katie French, will be held for the parents of our students on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> during the day and during Open House on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

Last month the board authorized Superintendent Baker to make an offer to buy the building and 3 lots formerly "Don's Meats". Superintendent Baker informed the board that they need to adopt a resolution to allow the purchase of the building and property. A motion was made by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Worlow, with a unanimous decision, to adopt a resolution to purchase building and property formerly "Don's Meats".

### **New Business:**

Superintendent Baker informed the board that he had visited with Lawrence County Sheriff Jeff Yates concerning a School Resource Officer on campus. It would be an asset for us to have an SRO officer seen on campus and at home ball games. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to hire an SRO officer.

Superintendent Baker updated the board on the HVAC project going on at the High School. He said Matt Kopp has done a wonderful job coordinating all the construction. Everything is on schedule for the completion by school time.

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A motion was made by Mr. Worlow and seconded by Mr. Gates, with a unanimous decision, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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Date