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Arkansas Arts Academy

School Board Meeting

September 13, 2017

Elementary/Middle School Library

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m
2. Establish a quorum/Roll Call: Howard Alsdorf, Joe DeRouen, David Russell, and Alicia Knotts. Board members absent are Anthony Porchia, Tony Beardsley, and Asele Mack.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

New Business:

Public Comments: Parent Greg Lindley spoke of responses he has received from several parents regarding the lack of relationship between parents and the school board. A regular form of organized communication between parents and board members needs to be initiated. It was noted that parents were encouraged regularly to give feedback and vote during last board election but response was minimal. Mr. Alsdorf stated only school related items could be discussed with parents at regular board meetings. No personnel items can be discussed. However, the Vision Committee meetings quarterly for an open forum type meeting.

Motion was made to approve minutes from the previous month, as well as the special meeting that had been called the week prior. Seconded and motion carried.

Mary Ley discussed ongoing construction at high school and the meeting with contactor on September 12, 2017. Changes in walkway for students will take place over October break.

Work is being done on some possible items for Seniors. One in particular is for each senior to have a brick and/or tile to write their names and graduate thoughts. These items will possibly be put in the foundation of the new building.

Mr. Young reviewed upcoming events at the K-8 campus, including field trips, school events, and competitions. Grades K-2 completed Map Testing. Classes will be offered through intersession for students who need additional help in their classwork. He also announced that we had received 40 new bikes through a Walton Family Grant.

Student Board Members were introduced. They will be attending, bring ideas and issues on behalf of the student body.

Charter renewal was presented and discussed. Approval of the submitted charter renewal was motioned and seconded. Motion carried.

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Salary schedule was presented by Nathalie Brunell. Added assistant principal and a payscale for bus and for maintenance positions. Motion to approve salary schedule was made by Joe DeRouen, second by Howard Alsdorf, and motion carried.

Nathalie Brunell presented the five percent salary change report. Alicia Knotts motioned for acceptance of report, Howard Alsdorf seconded, and report was approved.

Budget Presentation – Nathalie Brunell presented a powerpoint which assisted with the explanation of the budget for the upcoming year. Key revenue, enrollment, salary increases and facilities were discussed. Questions were asked by Mr. Alsdorf regarding professional services, food service expense and advertising.. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve budget.

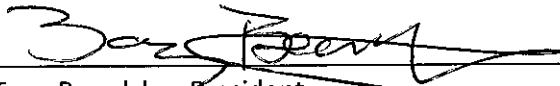
Mary Ley, Superintendent: Homeschool Policy was presented by Mary Ley. Motion to add the policy, second, and the motion carried.

Paul Jackson was at the high school last Friday. Eighth graders were brought over to be included in performance. Mary was very complimentary of how the students behaved and how engaged they were in what he was doing. It was mentioned that once the high school is finished we should offer him an office at the school to bring talent to the area.

She also reminded us that Portfolio day will be put on at Crystal Bridges by the Kansas City Art College.

No further upcoming events.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried for meeting to adjourn at 7:20.



Tony Beardsley, President