



Regular School Board Meeting – 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
Arkansas Arts Academy PAC – High School Campus

1. Call to order: 6:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call Present: Tony Beardsley, Steve Cox, Joe DeRouen, Alicia Knotts, Mary Ley, Dave Russell  
Absent: Howard Alsdorf, Anthony Porchia

3. Pledge of Allegence

4. Public Comments:

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker: Fairy Degener (handout provided) Presented to the Board a request to rent/use our EMS gym for ATA (American Taekwondo Association), She ask that we consider her ATA group using our facilities 3 evenings a week and an occasional Saturday for competitions, offering a donation (matched by her employeer) for use of the facility.

2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker: Cynthia Voss spoke supporting Ms. Degeners request for use of facilities, sharing the positive effects the ATA training has had on her son. Ms. Voss also a member of our PTA shared the exciting possibilities the income provided by this group would have on the ability to provide extras for our school.

3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker: Jo Andrade, spoke recommending Ms. Degeners request for use of facilities, sharing the positive effects the ATA training has had on her son.

4<sup>th</sup> Speaker: Nancy Spaulding spoke recommending Ms. Degeners request for use of facilities, sharing her daughters positive 14 year experience with the ATA training.

5<sup>th</sup> Speaker: Deanna Reed spoke recommending Ms. Degeners request for use of facilities, sharing how this program has helped her special needs son.

Mr. Beardsley closed the discussion saying the Board would discuss the parameters of Ms. Degener request and tabled the decision to the February Board Meeting.

5. Consent Agenda: Dave Russell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jo DeRouen seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 – 0

6. New Business:

Aaron Jones spoke about our Partnership with Crystal Bridges and presented the many opportunities that are afforded AAA. Mr. Jones shared Field Trip, Professional Development, and Upcoming Exhibits offered through our partnership. Mary Ley thanked Aaron for all his hard work.

Conner Dohse spoke about the new state-wide fiber optic network that will come on board shortly and will provide a more consistent, significantly faster system for all state schools. All prep work required for the startup is completed and ready to go.

Paul Stewart gave an update on the EMS campus. State mandated lunch times have been corrected and are now in place. Staff voted to give grades from Friday classes. ASCIP meetings began last Friday. The EMS has implemented a change in the discipline policy, changing Detention to an afternoon Mandatory Learning Experience 45 minutes after school and In School Suspension to an All Day Learning Experience. The Board ask that Mr. Stewart write up a description of the discipline changes and submit it to the Board for Final approval at the February 2016 Board Meeting. Motion to temporarily approve these changes was given by Steve Cox and Joe DeRouen seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 – 0

7. Discussion of items since publication of the agenda: Barb Padgett shared the results of the high schools ADE Audit. The state ask that some clarifying wording be added to the Student Handbook (handout provided with changes). Page 9 Transferring credits from Private Schools please add Homeschool to this section. Page 13 Attendance Requirement for Students in Grades 9 – 12 add full day to first line of paragraph. Also add a line to the end of this section “If any student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student’s IEP and 504 Plan take precedence. Add to section Petition for Excessive Unexcused Absences, add more frequent contact between parent and school. Motion to approve state changes to the Student Handbook was given by Joe DeRouen, seconded by Dave Russell. Motion carried 5 – 0

Steve Cox discussed concerns regarding the crosswalk at the EMS Campus. Ms. Ley shared her experience and the Rogers Police Departments Officer input from the afternoon dismissal and street parking. Mr. Stewart said he would contact the Rogers Police for a variance for one way traffic during morning and afternoon drop off and pickup times. He will also work on having cones placed for morning and afternoon drop off and pickups by our custodial service.

8. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination:

- a. Jeremiah Phillips – Resignation 3 hour kitchen position.
- b. Sharon Nelson – Hired 3 hour kitchen positon
- c. Joy Price – Hired Art Teacher at EMS
- d. Stephanie Guiterez – Resignation Registrar HS
- e. Nicole Lindley – Transfer from EMS to HS Registrar
- f. Pamela Lewis moved from Title One Aide to Registrar at EMS
- g. Tracy Shmestha – Hired as Title One Aide at EMS
- h. Nathalie Brunell – Hired as CFO

Motion to accept Nicole Lindley’s move from EMS to HS by Dave Russell, seconded by Steve Cox, motion passed 5 – 0

Motion to accept Jeremiah Phillips and Stephanie Gutierrez resignation, Hiring of Sharon Nelson, Joy Price, Tracy Shmestha, Nathalie Brunell and move of Pamela Lewis from Title One Aide to Registrar at EMS was given by Dave Russell and seconded by Steve Cox. Motion passed 5 – 0

Tony Beardsley discussed that the Board will perform Mary Ley's annual review during the February 2016 Board Meeting.

Steve Cox reminded the Board that the Vice President position needed to be filled. The board continued the vote for a new Vice President to the February 2016 meeting so all Board members had the opportunity to vote.

9. Adjournment: Motion for Adjournment was made by Tony Beardsley, seconded by Joe DeRouen and the motion to adjourn passed 5 – 0. Adjournment 7:42 p.m.

Attachments to Board Minutes: ATA Facility Rental Request

High School Student Handbook Changes

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Tony Beardsley, President