

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
6:30 p.m. TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1. Call to Order  
**Wes Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.**
2. Roll Call  
**Present: Wes Abbott, Howard Alsdorf, Alicia Knotts, Jim Keast, Dave Russell, Tony Beardsley, Dr. Paul Hines**  
  
**Absent: Darlene McLernon**  
  
**Also Present: Representatives from CJRW; A+ Arkansas; Ms. Barb Padgett, students, parents, and teachers**
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
**Wes Abbott led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance**
4. Comments from the Public  
**None**
5. Consent Agenda:
  - Consideration of Minutes of December 10, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting - (attachment)
  - Consideration of December 2013 Financial report – (attachment)
  - Enrollment Report – (attachment)**Tony Beardsley made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**
6. Discussion of A+ Arkansas  
**Paul Leopulus and Melanie Landum presented the Arkansas A+ program.**
7. BCSA Elementary/Middle School receives \$25,096.03 for student academic performance under the Arkansas School Recognition Program – (attachment)  
**Dr. Hines shared with the board that the Elementary/Middle School is a recipient of a \$25,096.03 cash Award based on student performance in 2012-2013 under the Arkansas School Recognition Program.**
8. Update on Marketing Initiative – CJRW  
**Jessa Mehlhoff and Carrie McKnight from CJRW updated the board on the status of the marketing initiative to date.**
9. Discussion to change school board meetings from second Tuesday to second Monday of every month beginning February 2014  
**The board determined there was no reason to change the meeting night. No board action and no change.**

10. School Board elections for Spring 2014. Positions up for re-election:

- Howard Alsdorf
- Tony Beardsley
- Jim Keast
- Dave Russell

Election to be held Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hired employees from the Benton County Election Commission will man the polls at each school and will certify election results.

Deadline to submit Candidate Information Form in order to be placed on the ballot is 4:00 p.m. March 31, 2014.

**Dr. Hines updated the board on the Spring 2014 school board elections and the deadline for candidates to submit their Candidate Information form as March 31, 2014 at 4:00pm.**

11. Monthly board reports – (attachments)

**No action**

12. Upcoming calendar:

- January 20

**Howard Alsdorf made the motion to change January 20 from a teacher Professional Development day to a snow make up (instructional) day. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0/**

13. Discussion to amend 2013-2014 calendar as follows:

- January 10 Last day of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- January 13 First day of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- January 17 Report cards go home
- March 21 Last day of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- March 31 First day of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- May 30 Last day of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> semester; Last day with students (subject to change if additional days are missed due to inclement weather).

**Dave Russell made the motion to approve the calendar changes as presented. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**

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

- Discussion to accept the resignation of Jordan Peters effective December 23, 2013

**Tony Beardsley made the motion to accept the resignation of Jordan Peters. Jim Keast seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**

- Discussion to accept the resignation of Jane Cornell effective January 20, 2014

**Dave Russell made the motion to accept the resignation of Jane Cornell. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**

- Superintendent contract action during February 11, 2014 regular school board meeting

**The board went into Executive Session at 8:30pm. The board came out of Executive Session at 9:50pm.**

15. Discussion of items since publication of agenda

**Dr. Hines shared with the board his appearance before the State Board of Education on January 10, 2014 And that the SBE accepted/approved the previously submitted September 2013 annual charter report.**

16. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:30pm in Administration Office

17. Adjourn

**Tony Beardsley made the motion to adjourn. Alicia Knotts seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:51pm.**

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President

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Secretary

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Superintendent