

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 p.m. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1. Call to Order

Wes Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Roll Call

**Present: Wes Abbott, Alicia Knotts, Darlene McLernon, Jim Keast, Dave Russell,
Tony Beardsley, Paul Hines**

Absent: Howard Alsdorf

Also Present: Parents, students, 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 January 14, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting - (attachment)
- Consideration of January 2014 Financial report – (attachment)
- Consideration of Enrollment Report – (attachment)

Dave Russell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Darlene McLernon seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Discussion of Arkansas A+ Arts Program – Barb Padgett

Ms. Padgett reported that adopting the Arkansas A+ program is not in BCSA's best interest at this time.

7. Update on CJRW Marketing Initiative – Jessa Mehlhoff/Carrie McKnight

Jim Keast shared that representatives from CJRW met with the Marketing Committee at 5:00pm on February 11 to discuss name changes. After discussion, Tony Beardsley made the motion to submit a charter amendment request to the Arkansas Department of Education requesting to change the school's name to Arkansas Arts Academy. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Dr. Hines will begin the submission process.

8. Discussion of Student Handbook Policies – Barb Padgett

- Student Appearance
- Biting

After hearing a presentation from Ms. Padgett, Dr. Hines recommended to the board to delay any Student Handbook changes, with the exception of the previously agreed hair color policy, until all handbook changes are recommended to the board in June 2014.

9. Discussion to approve Saturday, February 22 and Saturday March 15 as snow make up days
Darlene McLernon made the motion to approve Saturday, February 22 and Saturday ,March 15 as snow make up days. Jim Keast seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
10. Discussion of first semester student withdrawal report – (attachment)
Dr. Hines shared with the board the Fall 2013 student transfer numbers.
11. Discussion of February 1 School Board/Work Committee meeting. Next session is Saturday, April 5.
No action
12. Monthly Board Reports – (attachments)
No action
13. Upcoming Calendar:
 - February 13-14 Snow make up days
 - March 21 Last day of 3rd Quarter
 - March 24-28 Spring Break
 - March 31 First day of 4th Quarter; Report Cards go home
14. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Transfer/Termination/Non-Renewal
 - Discussion to hire Amanda Shover for the position of Elementary/Middle School Counselor effective February 17, 2014
Dave Russell made the motion to hire Amanda Shover effective February 17, 2014. Jim Keast seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
 - 2014-2015 Letters of Intent to Return will be issued to Certified and Classified staff on March 2, 2014 with a deadline to return date of March 21, 2014.
 - Superintendent’s contract for 2014-2015
**The board went into Executive Session at 7:28pm.
 The board came out of Executive Session at 8:35pm.
 Dave Russell made the motion to renew Dr. Hines’ contract for the 2014-2015 school year.
 Alicia Knotts seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**
15. Reminder that 4:00pm March 31, 2014 is the deadline for candidates to file to run for the school board
No action
16. Discussion of items since publication of agenda
Dr. Hines requested the board to pass a resolution to be presented to the Arkansas Department of Education asking that BCSA receive a waiver from the ADE regarding the withholding of \$28,869 in NSLA funds from the current 2013-2014 fiscal year due to BCSA not being in compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-20-2305 by not spending the minimum required 85% of the allocated 2012-2013 funds. Dave Russell made the motion to approve the resolution. Tony Beardsley seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
17. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11 @ 6:30pm in the Administration Office

18. Adjourn

Dave Russell made the motion to adjourn. Alicia Knotts seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

President

Secretary

Superintendent