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Regular School Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M. April 12, 2016

Arkansas Arts Academy High School Library

1. Call to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Establish quorum/Roll Call: Tony Beardsley, Joe DeRouen, Alicia Knotts, Mary Ley, Anthony Porchia, and Dave Russell were present. Absent: Howard Alsdorf

Guests in Attendance: Sarah Grace Gretzmier

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the Public: None
5. Consent Agenda

- Approve minutes from March 8th, Regular School Board and Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016
- Approve March Financial Report
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Steve Cox, 2nd by Dave Russell and Motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

6. New Business

Principal Board Report –

Matt Young (K8) Mr. Young was attending the Naturals Fundraiser tonight and ask Mrs. Ley to share that 4 students were chosen to attend the America Ballet Summer and one of our students placed 3rd in the state for her writing.

Barb Padgett(HS) Aaron Jones spoke for Ms. Padgett on the Pea Ridge Military Park spring break Archeological dig. Our students were given the opportunity to work with the park director, historians and archeologists in surveying a battle field that has remained untouched since the action dated March 7th, 1862. Hundreds of artifacts were located and several removed for identification. Our students have also been participating in the Bentonville Film Festival – Women and Diverse Voices. They have filmed and edited interviews with local artists that will be shown during the festival.

Discussion of E-Rates Form 470 – Conner Dohse spoke on how we are utilizing E Rates Form 470 Grants to improve our Network switches and computer lab wiring. We may need to call a Special Board Meeting on April 28th to approve bids. Conner will keep the Board updated on a day and time of meeting.

Special Education Application Approval – Nathalie Brunell presented the applications for the Special Education Title 6B Grants. Dave Russell made a motion to approve the applications for funding, Joe DeRouen 2nd the Motion, The Motion was passed by a 6 -0 Vote.

Vision Committee – June 7, at 5:30 – Before Board Meeting- Mary Ley suggested the final meeting for the year of the Vision Committee be held one hour prior to the next Board Meeting and the Board agreed that work best.

Bonus Discussion – Nathalie Brunell brought before the Board that there were funds available to pay bonuses to all employees. \$1,000 for Full Time employees and \$500 for Part Time. They discussed

how the bonuses would affect our current budget. A motion was made by Alicia Knotts to approve the bonuses, a 2nd by Anthony Porchia and the Motion was passed by a 6 – 0 vote.

Old Bus – Mary Ley was able to negotiate trading in our old school bus and \$2,500 for a much needed Ford F150 pickup truck to move Commodities, computer components and supplies needed by staff.

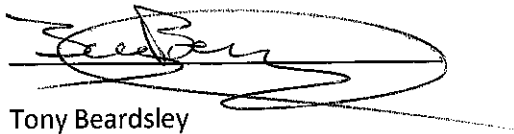
New Design School of Animation Curriculum Contract Approval- Mary Ley brought before the Board an exciting opportunity to work with The New Design School in offering animation and sound classes to our 10th – 12th grade students. The Board discussed costs involved in providing these courses in addition to the recruiting opportunity of being the only high school in the area to provide these classes. A motion was made by Dave Russell to sign the contract, a 2nd by Joe DeRouen and the motion was passed by a 6 -0 vote.

Credit Hours – Tony Beardsley discussed the requirement of credit hour training for Board Members to be completed by 12-31-16. Mary provided several training opportunities available through year's end.

High School Remodel and Addition Layout – Mary Ley shared updates plans for the high school remodel. The plans and estimated costs will be completed by April 28th when the funder will be in town.

7. Discussion of items since publication of the agenda - None
8. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination
None
9. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dave Russell and 2nd by Alicia Knotts to Adjourn our meeting at 7:20 P.M. and the motion was carried by a 6 – 0 vote.
10. Upcoming Events – Attached

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Beardsley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Tony Beardsley

President