

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1. Call to Order
Wes Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Roll Call
Present: Wes Abbott, Howard Alsdorf, Alicia Knotts, Darlene McLernon, Tony Beardsley, Dave Russell, Dr. Paul Hines
Absent: Jim Keast
Also Present: Media, Parents, Teachers, students
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Wes Abbott led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Comments from the Public
None
5. Discussion to accept the resignation of Jim Keast from the BCSA Board of Education effective April 16, 2014. Discussion regarding the remainder of his term through June 30, 2014.
Tony Beardsley made the motion to accept the resignation of Jim Keast effective April 16, 2014. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Howard Alsdorf made the motion to appoint Kevin West to fill the remainder of Jim Keast's term through June 30, 2014. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1. Alicia Knotts voted no.
6. Introduction of Kevin West – new school board member effective July 1, 2014
Dr. Hines introduced Mr. Kevin West as a newly elected school board member effective July 1, 2014.
7. Consent Agenda:
 - Consideration of Minutes of April 16, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting – (attachment)
 - Consideration of April 2014 Financial report – (attachment)
 - Enrollment Report – (attachment)**Tony Beardsley made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Darlene McLernon seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**
8. Discussion of Phase II of Marketing Initiative – Jessa Mehlhoff/Carrie McKnight
Tony Beardsley shared the logos and taglines with the board. The Marketing Committee recommends that CJRW provide additional logos and taglines no later than June 3. Dave Russell made the motion to approve the Web Development proposal. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
9. Discussion of Faculty school board representative
Wes Abbott proposed that the Personnel Policies Committee for 2014-2015 consist of 2 teachers from K-4, 2 teachers from 5-8, and 2 teachers from 9-12, and the 2 principals. The 6 teachers must be elected from their respective schools during the week of August 11 inservice. The committee will elect a chairperson who will attend all board meetings, or appoint another PPC member to attend in his/her absence at monthly board meetings. The chair will provide a monthly report to the board as well as reporting to the K-12 teachers regarding the actions and business conducted at monthly board meetings.

10. Discussion of Grade Acceleration Policy effective July 1, 2014 – (attachment)
Tony Beardlsey made the motion to approve the Grade Acceleration Policy effective July 1, 2014. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
11. Update on Performing Arts Annex renovation proposal – (attachment)
Dr. Hines reported that the plans for the renovation of the Annex have been finalized. Bids will be advertised on May 18 and 25. Bids will be opened on June 2.
12. Discussion regarding the Western Benton County Special Education Consortium discontinuing services with BCSA effective July 1, 2014 – (attachment)
Dr. Hines shared with the board that the Western Benton County Special Education Consortium is discontinuing services with BCSA effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Hines recommended to the board that BCSA create the position of Special Education Director to meet the Special Education supervisory needs formerly provided by the Consortium.
13. Discussion to approve BCSA creating the position of Special Education Director effective July 1, 2014 and to approve proposed job description – (attachment)
Dave Russell made the motion to approve creating the position of Special Education Director and the job description effective July 1, 2014. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
14. Discussion to approve BCSA creating the position of Speech Language Pathologist effective July 1, 2014 and to approve proposed job description – (attachment)
Dave Russell made the motion to approve creating the position of Speech Language Pathologist and the job description effective July 1, 2014. Howard Alsdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
15. Report on 2013-2014 Arkansas Department of Education accreditation – (attachment)
Dr. Hines reported that the Elementary/Middle School, High School, and District received full accreditation from the Arkansas Department of Education for the 2013-2014 school year.
16. Discussion of Curriculum requests for 2014-2015 – (attachment)
Dr. Hines shared results of the Curriculum/Instructional supply survey results.
17. Discussion of Facility requests for 2014-2015 – (attachment)
Dr. Hines shared results of the Facility results survey results.
18. Recommendations for 2014-2015 Student Handbook changes will be made at the June 10 meeting
No action
19. Monthly Board updates – (attachment)
No action
20. Upcoming calendar:
 - May 15 Senior Night
 - May 17 High School Graduation @ 2:00pm at HS PAC
 - May 26 Memorial Day; No School
 - May 29 Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony @ 6:30pm in HS PAC
 - June 4 Kindergarten Graduation @ 8:30am in E/MS Performing Arts Annex
Last day of school; Report cards go home

21. Personnel: Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Termination/Hiring/Renewal/Nonrenewal
- Discussion to approve job description as follows effective July 1, 2014
Custodian
**Howard Alsdorf made the motion to approve the Custodian job description effective July 1, 2014.
Tony Beardsley seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**
 - Discussion to approve recommendation of Emily Young for Elementary/Middle School Principal effective July 1, 2014
Darlene McLernon made the motion to hire Emily Young for the position of Elementary/Middle School principal effective July 1, 2014 pending a successful criminal background and Child Maltreatment Registry check. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

The board went into executive session at 7:14pm. The board came out of executive session at 8:55pm.

**Tony Beardsley made the motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Hines effective July 1, 2014.
Darlene McLernon seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.**

Dave Russell made the motion to appoint Barb Padgett interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2014 and/or until the new Superintendent is hired. Tony Beardsley seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Howard Alsdorf made the motion to contract with McPherson and Jacobson, Superintendent Search Firm to assist in hiring the next superintendent. Dave Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

22. Discussion of items since publication of agenda
None

23. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 @ 6:30pm at Administration Office
Howard Alsdorf made the motion to reschedule the June 10 board meeting to June 3. Darlene McLernon seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

24. Adjourn
**Dave Russell made the motion to adjourn. Alicia Knotts seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.**

President

Secretary

Superintendent

