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Benton County School of the Arts Special School Board Meeting June 12, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Administration Building

1. Call to Order

President Wes Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Wes Abbott, Alicia Knotts,
Dave Russell, Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon
Board Members Absent: Howard Alsdorf, Kevin West
Administrators Present: Barb Padgett
Guest Present: Kieth Williams, Ronnie Greer
Susie Bailey, Matt Bailey

3. Discussion of Superintendent applicants – McPherson & Jacobson

Drs. Kieth Williams and Ronnie Greer led the Board through the process that the search firm used in choosing applicants to present to the Board. Twenty-nine candidates inquired about position and ten completed the application process. The firm checked references and other pertinent information and chose four candidates to recommend to the Board. The four names that the firm recommended were:

Dr. Rick Gales: Director of Federal Programs and Technology
Greenland School District, Greenland, AR

Dr. Donald Slack: Retired Superintendent
El Dorado Springs, MO

Mr. Charles Thomas: Superintendent
Jay School District, Jay, OK

Mrs. Mary Ley: Executive Director of Communications
Bentonville School District, Bentonville, AR

The Board was called into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss their choices for interviews. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Alicia Knotts made the motion to accept the applicants that were recommended by McPherson & Jacobson to interview. The motion was seconded by Dave Russell. The vote was 4-0 to interview Mary Ley, Donald Slack, Charles Thomas and Rick Gales.

The interviews will be held during Special Board Meetings beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 17 in the Administration Building. Two candidates will be interviewed each evening with Dr Williams to set up the interview schedule.

4. Discussion of items since publication of the agenda

There were none.

5. Next Special Board Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2014,
5:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dave Russell and seconded by Alicia Knotts to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.