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Regular School Board Meeting -6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Arkansas Arts Academy K-8- Elementary Library

Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Russell
2. Roll Call – Present – Dave Russell, Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLeron, Alicia Knotts, Kevin West
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the Public - None
5. Consent Agenda:
 - Approve minutes from November 11, Regular School Board Meeting
 - Approve November 2014 Financial Report
 - Enrollment ReportApproved Unanimously
6. Additional Funding – Preschool Funds; Life Touch; Kevin West Walmart Volunteer Hours; Wes Abbott Walmart Volunteer Hours; AP Score Grant; Best Buy Grant; Endeavor Trail Grant; Helmet Donation - \$29,850
7. Arkansas School Recognition and Reward – High School \$20,820.00 – High School Principal Barb Padgett presented to the Board that the funding would be used for high school employee bonuses.
8. Arvest Personalized Arkansas Arts Academy Debit Card – Board Approved Unanimously citizens could choose an Arvest Bank Card with the school logo, \$2.00 per card would be donated to Arkansas Arts Academy up to \$500.00.
9. 2014 ASBA Boardmanship Award Recipient – Tony Beardsley for his 50 Board Credit Hours.
10. Arkansas School Boards Association Advocacy Network – Board Appointed Legislative Liaison - Board Member Kevin West volunteered to be the Arkansas Arts Academy Legislative Liaison.
11. Moment of Appreciation – The Board vocally honored Dance Instructor Alaina Sims, Eddie Smith, Theater Instructor Maury Reed, and Choir Director Patti Stoltman, for all of the high school performances, and Melissa Curiel and LaVona Cerna for 5-8 grade Literacy Night.
12. Charter Renewal Application- Unanimously voted in support of the charter renewal application.
13. Trail – Crossland Construction – Unanimously voted in support of the new K-8 trail construction.
14. 7-8th Graded Gifted Visual Arts class- Unanimously voted in support for the development of a gifted 7-8 visual art course for the 2015-2016 school year.
15. Upcoming Calendar
 - December 10th – Middle School Guitar and Choir Concert
 - December 11th – MS/HS Orchestra and MS Choir Concert
 - December 16th – High School Choir Concert

16. Homeschool waiver for student - Unanimously voted to support the parents request to waiver the two week wait time before a student could be homeschooled.
17. Discussion of items since publication of agenda
 - Shared the costs of potentially adding on to K-8 Cafeteria.
 - Shared the White Paper proposal from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art proposal.
 - Shared the Digital Grant from APSRC
 - Shared the changes and additional verbiage for the Lottery application – Board made suggestions, will bring back to next meeting.
 - Shared about the AIMS – Advanced Initiative for Math and Science.
18. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination
Board Members: Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf, Kevin West voted on all of the resignations and terminations listed below. Due to a potential conflict of interest, Wes Abbott recused himself from these discussions and votes.
 - Resignation Acceptance – K-8 School Nurse – Howard Alsdorf made the motion to approve, Tony Beardsley seconded the motion. Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf, and Kevin West voted to support the resignation. Vote; 5-0
 - Resignation Acceptance – 5-8 Drama Teacher, – Howard Alsdorf made the motion to approve, Tony Beardsley seconded the motion. Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf, and Kevin West voted to support the resignation. Vote; 5-0.
 - Termination Acceptance – 5-8 Choir Teacher, Claudia Katigbak – Howard Alsdorf made the motion to approve, Tony Beardsely seconded the motion, Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf, and Kevin West voted to support the termination. Vote; 5-0.
 - Termination Acceptance – Administrative Assistant, Marilyn Sears - Tony Beardsley, Darlene McLernon, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf, and Kevin West voted to support the termination. Vote; 5-0.
 - Administrative Assistant –Approval for \$500.00 Stipend for Building Test Coordinator - Unanimously approved.
19. Next Regular School Board Meeting and Annual Report: January 13, 6:30pm at High School Library
20. Adjourn

President Dave Russell

