



Tuesday March 13th, 2018
K-8 Campus – Library
Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order at 6:30 PM**

2. **Establish Quorum/Roll Call** - Tony Beardsley, Dave Russell, Asele Mack, Anthony Porchia, Joe DeRouen, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf

Public Speakers-Aaron Jones, Laura Hansen, Heather Wright, Crystal McWilliams, Donnie Knotts, Matt Young, David Skelton. *Observers/Visitors* - Members of AAA HS Student Council, Ashlyn Knotts, Nathalie Brunell, Audry Lindley, Jenni Self, Nicole Lindley, Diego Aguilar

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Comments from the Public** - Several individuals wanted to discuss the athletics on the agenda.

Aaron Jones - Thanked for the opportunity to speak. We have a great school and want to make sure everything is following our mission. Concern about travel and cost, venue issues and to make sure it is not impacting our program or interfering with the mission statement.

Laura Hansen - Student representing student council. She spoke from a statement from the student council. They wanted to make sure we were focusing on Arts and Academics. The conclusion of the statement states that students come here for the arts in the first place.

Crystal McWilliams - She read a statement from several teachers not in support for competitive sports in High School. Reasons being scheduling conflicts, more finances possibly removed from arts to be used for competitive, something to be said where arts are valued where in larger schools it may be underfunded, teachers are honored to teach at an art school and want to find ways to bring more focused art students.

Donnie Knotts - This school is not going away from the arts. There is not a long waiting list to get into the high school so giving athletics a chance may to add more students. This will be an additional avenue for the young adults to go into. Mr. Knotts was developed from both arts and athletics. He feels it will be a good way to build team and leadership skills.

5. **Consent Agenda**

- Approve minutes from March 13, 2018
- Enrollment Report
- Financials

Motion to accept consent agenda - Mr. Russell motioned, Mr. Alsdorf seconded. Motion passed.

6. **New Business**

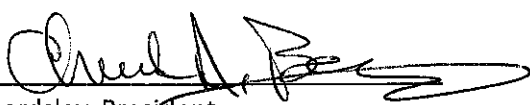
- **K-8 Report – Principal - Matt Young** - events at K-8 campus - Archery teams went to Hot Springs for competition and did very well. Four of our Odyssey of the Mind teams went to regional and two are going to state. Great program to bring in for students to excel in academics. PTA had a sock hop that was great, fun time. Great family time and it helped build interaction among our families. 7th graders went to State STEM festival.
- **High School Report – Principal - Heather Wright** - Approval of Course Curriculum Guide - Show choir and mix choir performed great at BWHS and two choirs going to state in April. Creative writing, dance, and guitar

represented school at NWACC at Arts Festival. Great positive feedback on behavior and program. AAA HS students have art on display at the City Pump in Rogers through Spring Break and in April. Working with Rooted, an organization to help minority families understand what their choices regards to school choice. Planning a family night for Hispanic and Marshallese to know more about schools and interpreters will be available. Hosting open house reception for new students from Lottery. Leadership team to work on three goals - vocabulary, meeting diversity needs, and try build a foundation with parent/volunteers.

- **Athletics** - Mary Ley and Matt Young discussed the benefits of having a sports basketball program. The board discussed among themselves to decide before voting. Motion to continue middle school program as it is now, 7, 8, 9 grade, to continue that funding through a special fund that you are raising the money on and High School be through an outside program funded by the parent fees. *Motion to accept - Mr. Porchia motioned, Mrs. Knotts second. Motion passed.*
- **District Safety Measures** - Heather Wright brought her Safety procedure manual with protocols for fire drills, tornado drills, active shooter drills, etc. It will be updated once the building is completed. David Skelton went over some of their safety procedures and will have their procedure manual to the board soon. They will be working on intruder drills with younger grades and moving up. Matt and David will doing walkthroughs to see what areas need to be addressed for safety.
- **Diversity and Equality in Students' Education** - When looked at our numbers compared to other schools in area other than Rogers, we are pretty much in line with other districts. To increase diversity, mentioned that Heather will be working with new program Rooted.
- **Staffing for 2018-2019** - Staffing for next year with increase students and new classes the need for 19 FTE next year that will fit in budget. All core teachers and will be able to fund programs that will start next year. Will post after furniture and fixture worksheet to verify budget. 19 FTE and will be the max and might be less. *Motion to accept - Mr. Alsdorf motioned, Mr. Porchia second. Motion passed.*
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- 7. **Discussion of items since publication of the agenda.** - Need approval for bid for Technology for next year to come out of bond money. John Hines used a rating system to weight proposal -
Projectors - 36 needed Winning bid for All AV Systems with full warranty on products - *Motion to accept - Mr. DeRouen motioned, Mr. Alsdorf seconded - motion passed*
Wireless Access point - used price and knowledge of network - Telecomp was winning bid - Motion to accept *Mr. Russell motioned, Mr. DeRouen second. Motion passed.*
Network Switches - Used price and knowledge of network - Telecomp was winning bid - *Motion to accept - Mr. Russell motioned, Mr. DeRouen second - motion passed.*
Advanced Ed Update - We are certified by Advance Ed.
- 8. **Personnel:** Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination - new hire for existing position to replace full time sub - Micah Roberts - HS Special Education teacher - *Motion to accept Mr. Derouen motioned, Mr. Russell second - Motion passed.*

The board went into executive session - Nathalie Brunell informed the board she accepted a position with an organization that will allow her to continue her duties with Arkansas Arts Academy but be paid out of their budget. She has to officially resign her position with Arkansas Arts Academy to be paid from their budget.

- 9. Adjournment - 8:30 PM



Tony Beardsley, President