**Hot Springs School District #6**
**MINUTES**
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
**April 19, 2022**

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 5:00 P.M. at the Roy Rowe Auditorium of the Jones Administrative Building, 400 Linwood Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**Board members present:** Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Mrs. Ann Hill, Mr. Dino Lenox, Mrs. Linda White, and Mrs. Debbie Ugbade.

**Central Office Staff members present**: Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus; Mrs. Becky Rosburg, Assistant Supt.; Assistant Supt; David White, Vashanti Williams, Bryce Walker, Natasha Lenox, Melissa Bratton, Adriane Barnes, and Donnetta Frierson. **Principals:** Kiley Simms and Kyria Wilson.

**CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Dr. Cynthia Rogers, president of the Board.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Debbie Ugbade.
Mrs. Becky Rosburg, Asst. Superintendent introduced the newly hired employees from the previous month and the Board welcomed the district.

**ITEMS OF ACTION**:
Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the March 15, 2022 and the Special Called minutes of April 7, 2022. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus introduced Mr. Ray Beardsley, First Security Little Rock to present the application for a Permit to Issue Construction Bonds. After discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a motion. Mrs. Hill made the motion to submit an Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds, with related documents, for $40,930,000 in Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. David White, District Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the 2022-2023 Certified and Classified Salary Schedules for approval. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended approval of Contract Therapy Services for Shannon Lawrence Shannon, Charles Wray, and KidSource beginning on August 22, 2022 and shall end on June 1, 2023. The contractors agree to provide physical therapy services to students of the district as determined

necessary by the Special Education Director or her designee. Compensation for Shannon L Shannon and Charles Wray shall be paid at the rate of $60 per hour and KidSource shall be paid at the rate of $68.50 per hour for documented services rendered and approved by the district. Mrs. White made the motion. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to purchase a new Intercom Service for Park Magnet School. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the adoption of the 2022-23 District Personnel Policies as presented by the Certified and Classified Personnel Policy Committees, Repeal policies 8.42A, 8.42E, 3.54B, & 3.54H Leave of Absence & Personnel Polices Committee and Discuss change for 8.5 and 3.8 Sick Leave. Mrs. Hill made motion to open discussion on the policies. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. After discussion, Mr. Lenox made a motion to table the recommendation (Item G) for a later meeting. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus introduced Dr. Taryn Echols to present the Summer School Plan. The plan will continue with traditional Summer School to improve the academic impact of the lost instruction through COVID-19 pandemic. Offer summer enrichment opportunities for HSSD students, free of charge, to support learning new crafts and expose students to visual and performing arts, computer science and cooking. The interventions implemented through ARP fund reservations must be evidence-based and may include such activities as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, tutoring, extended school year programs, and innovative approaches to providing instruction to accelerate learning. Dr. Rogers called for a motion for approval. Mrs. White made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus presented the Superintendent's Report to the Board included the
Planning for Summer - TrojansRead Book Bus, TrojanEats Food Truck, summer school, summer enrichment, driver's Ed, PeeWee camps, IB of the Americas conference in July in San Diego - one board member is requested to attend (July 16-19, 2022), Senior Events - Prom & Chamber's Academic Excellence Award Banquet, Senior Luncheon - Friday, April 22 from 11:00-1:00 in the Trojan Arena, Trojan Graduation Ceremonies, Agreement for Gardner to be used as a Polling Site, New website and school communication system coming soon and, ESSER & Vaccination Updates

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** The Board moved to executive session at 5:44 p.m. to discuss ratification of personnel. At 5:56 p.m., the meeting reconvened and called to order by Dr. Rogers.

Dr. Nehus presented the Ratification of Personnel for approval. Dr. Rogers called for a motion. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the ratification of personnel as presented. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming from the Board, Mrs. Hill made the motion to adjourn and Mrs. White seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Date Approved: **5/17/2022**

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**Dr. Cynthia Rogers**, **Board President**

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**Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary**