

Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2021

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 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. Debbie Ugbade. Mrs. Linda White was absent.

Central Office Staff members present: Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus; Mrs. Becky Rosburg, Assistant Supt.; Dr. Taryn Echols, Assistant Supt; David White, Vashanti Williams, Bryce Walker, Natasha Lenox, Melissa Bratton, Adriane Barnes, and Donnetta Frierson. **Principals:** Kiley Simms, William Brazle, Kristen Gordon, Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, Utana Newborn, and Kyria Wilson. **Asst. principals:** Kristal Brandon and Eric Lenox.

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 the Oaklawn STEM Magnet Elementary School choir and Mrs. Kelley Lovelady, Director. The choir also performed a melody of Christmas songs.

ITEMS OF ACTION:

Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote.

Mr. David White presented the Financial Report, after discussion, Dr. Nehus recommended the Financial Report for approval. Mr. Ugbade made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote.

Dr. Nehus presented a Mask Mandate Review to the Board for discussion. Mr. Lenox made the motion to have open discussion concerning the mandate. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote. After much discussion, the Board voted to keep the Mask Mandate Resolution in effect from this date until December 14, 2021 school board meeting where it will be reevaluated or the Supreme Court issues a stay or injunction, or there is a ruling in the Circuit Court upholding Act 1002. Mr. Lenox made the motion. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Grading Policy Updates for approval. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the policy updates and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote. Policy updates are:

1. 4.58.HSSD.6 – Grading Policy
2. 4.58.HSSD.7 – District wide Grading & Reporting Guidelines & Practices Policy

Dr. Nehus recommended the Purchase and Installation of a new security camera system at the Gardner Facility located at 525 Hammond Lane. The services will be provided by Blue Sky Technologies, Jonesboro, AR and the total estimated cost is \$84,762.99. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL:

- The chairperson of the Certified Personnel Policy Committee spoke on behalf of the certified and classified committees, thanked the Board for approving the Covid-19 leave changes for all employees at the previous board meeting.
- PLC Highlights were presented by Mrs. Kiley Simms, principal, Hot Springs World Class High School.
- Administrators are encouraged to participate in Civic and Community Organizations and each one gave a brief update on the organizations that they represent.
- Dr. Nehus presented the Superintendent's Report and gave updates on the superintendent's councils meeting with students, teachers, classified personnel and parents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS OMITTED

Ratification of Personnel

Dr. Nehus presented the Ratification of Personnel for approval. Dr. Rogers called for a motion. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve personnel as presented. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business coming before the Board, Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Date Approved: **12/14/2021**

Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary