

ARKADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

The Arkadelphia Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dawson Building #3 upstairs conference room at 700 Clinton Street in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Clark Tennyson, President.

Members Present: Mr. Clark Tennyson President, Ms. Ida Tramble Secretary, Mr. Matt Johnson Vice President, Mr. Scott Speights (**arrived at 6:04**), Dr. Carrie Flora, and Mr. Derek Helms (**arrived at 6:04**).

Members Absent: Dr. Kenneth Harris

BADGER PRIDE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INSTRUCTIONAL / DATA REPORT

The Instructional / Data Report was given by Misti Dixon, GT Coordinator, who spoke about the AP Spring data and Callie Hunley, AHS Principal, who spoke about the ACT testing data.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) The minutes from the June 16, 2026 Special Called Meeting, June 16, 2026 Regular Called Meeting, June 23, 2026 Special Called Meeting, and August 4, 2026 Agenda Setting Meeting were approved by unanimous consent of the Board.
- b) The Financial Statements from June and July were approved by unanimous consent of the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Approve New High School GMP Package from Nabholz**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Helms, and carried 6-0 to approve the Amended GMP Package for the new high school from Nabholz in the amount of \$55,550,181 + CM and Architect fees, subject to additions and deductions.
- b) **Approve Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for Construction Activity**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Helms, and carried 6-0 to approve the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for Construction Activity.
- c) **Approve the Deletion List for Fixed Assets**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Helms made the motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried 6-0 to approve the deletion list for fixed assets as presented.
- d) **Approve Transfer of Funds from Operating Fund to Building Fund**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Tramble made the motion, seconded by Dr. Flora, and carried 6-0 to approve the transfer of \$3,584,989 of excess legal balance funds in the operating fund to the building fund.
- e) **Authorize the Superintendent to Sign an Engagement Letter with Motley Rice LLC for Representation of Arkadelphia Public Schools in Social Media Harm Litigation**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Tramble made the motion, seconded by Dr. Flora, and carried 6-0 to authorize the Superintendent to sign an engagement letter with Motley Rice LLC for representation of Arkadelphia Public Schools in social media harm litigation.

f) Approve New Curriculum at AHS – Geometry, Algebra I and II and Statistics

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Johnson made the motion seconded by Ms. Tramble, and carried 6-0 to approve the new curriculum for AHS.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Each Department submitted a report of the previous month's activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Ms. Thomas

- a) Enrollment Update, Transfers
- b) Thank you to our faculty, staff, students and parents for a fantastic start to the school year!!!
- c) September 1st Agenda Setting Meeting @ 5:00
- d) September 2nd - ASBA Fall Leadership Institute in Hot Springs
- e) September 7th - Labor Day - No School
- f) September 9th - Groundbreaking Ceremony @ AHS @ 4:00

EXECUTIVE SESSION/REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL

Mr. Tennyson made the motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss real property and personnel. Upon returning to open session, Mr. Helms made the motion seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried 6-0 to approve the following personnel:

Employment

Certified:

Ashley Wewers	JH Dance	\$2,365 + 5 extra days
Christin Baldas	Elementary Teacher/Peake	August 18, 2026

Classified:

Toma Anderson	Paraprofessional/Peake	August 31, 2026
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Resignation

Certified:

Kayla Goshen	Elementary Teacher/Peake	August 13, 2026
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Classified:

Ray Hughes	Bus Driver	August 5, 2026
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Temporary MOU:

Glen Hill	Bus Monitor	\$12.33/hr
Lenetta Gill	Bus Monitor	\$12.33/hr
Lahomia King	Bus Monitor	\$12.33/hr
Sandra Chicas	Bus Monitor	\$12.33/hr

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

IDA TRAMBLE, SECRETARY