

Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 14, 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, and Mrs. Linda White.

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:** William Brazle, Kristen Gordon, Utana Newborn, and Kyria Wilson. **Asst. principals:** Tommy Wells, 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 Mr. Dino Lenox.

Mrs. Becky Rosburg, assistant superintendent, introduced newly hired employees from the previous month and the Board welcomed them to the district.

“Our Roads Now” presentation was presented by Hot Springs City Manager, Bill Burroughs and Mr. Forrest Spicher. The 0.625 percent sales are now being paid in Garland County for repairs of road, streets, and bridges and to partially pay, with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, for the extension of the Martin Luther King Jr. Expressway. The tax is set to expire in 2022 and must be continued for future county roads and city streets. They encourage voters to vote in the special elections on February 8, 2022.

In celebration of the holiday season, Mrs. Shannon Nash, choir director and the Hot Springs World Class High School choir students performed a melody of Christmas songs.

ITEMS OF ACTION:

Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Financial Report for approval. Mr. David White presented the report, Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Bid Summary for Oaklawn STEM Magnet School Playground and Drainage Improvements from Hill & Cox Corporation. The total cost for the project is \$613,034. The work will begin during Christmas break. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion and Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the purchase of three (3) PowerEdge Servers from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$20,821.29. The purchase is part of the Technology Rotation Plan. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the contract renewal of Suskie & Cobb, LTD. The contract is agreement includes expense not to exceed \$17,000 for year ending June 2021. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval of Secondary IB Policy Updates and Implementation Budget. The policy update includes Academic Integrity Policy, Access/Admission Policy, Assessment Policy, Complaints Procedure Policy, Inclusion Policy, and Language Policy. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus presented the Mask Mandate for Review and Protocol Decisions. After much discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a motion to do away with Mask Mandate after Friday, December 17, 2021. Upon returning, face masks will be optional for all HSSD students, staff and guest starting Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Face masks will be required, if school or Garland County data reveals a high total of percentage of active Covid-19 cases at any time. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS OMITTED

Ratification of Personnel

Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the ratification of personnel as presented. Mr. Lenox made the motion. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Lenox made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Date Approved: **1/18/2022**

Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary