Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2021

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 21, 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, Rodney Echols, Natasha Lenox, Melissa Bratton, Adriane Barnes, Chief Carl Seymour, and Donnetta Frierson. **Principals:** Kiley Simms, William Brazle, Kristen Gordon, Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, Utana Newborn, 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. Linda White.

PLC Highlights were presented by Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, Principal at Park Magnet School.

ITEMS OF ACTION:
Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the August 17, 2021. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Nehus recommended the Financial Report for 2020-21 school year and Budget for the 2021-22 school year for approval. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the Resolution of the 2022-Six-Year Master Plan & 2023-2025 Funding Cycle Partnership Program Application. Mrs. Leslie Dyess, Facilities Coordinator, Dawson Cooperative gave the presentation. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the Arkansas Department of Education Statement of Assurances for Programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education ACT of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds ACT. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the Minority Teacher & Administrator Recruitment Plan. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the Memorandum of Understanding between Hot Springs School District and the Dawson Cooperative K-6 Virtual Program Consortium. The district agrees to participate in the consortium for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of $1,729.44 per student in addition to unforeseen and

approved expenses incurred for special services for students requested by the district. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Professional Development for 2021-2022 school year. The agreement between the District and the Dawson Educational Cooperative agrees to provide effective, scientifically based, research proven, professional development activities as identified through needs assessments which include the district's improvement plan process. The total cost is $24,000 Max. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mr. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the First Step Tuition Agreement. The district agrees to pay First Step, Inc. tuition in the amount of $11,000 per pupil providing educational services to its students in K-12 grades during the 2021-22 school year. (7 students). Mr. Lenox made the motion. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to purchase Child Nutrition Equipment in the amount of $73,089.52 including delivery and set up fees. Mrs. Hill made the motion and Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1- Electric Convection Oven
2- (5) Food Processors
3- (4) Heated Holding Proofing Cabinet, mobile
4- (6) Blender, Bar
5- (6) Commercial Food Blender
6- (1) Tilting Skillet Braising Pan, Electric
7- (1) Combo Oven, Electric
8- (3) Food Slicer, Electric
9- (1) Convection Streamer, Electric

Dr. Nehus recommended the Microsoft Software Renewal and Assurances with SHI International Corp in the amount of $29,647.42. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended for approval the Employee Contract Discourses for Mary Cluck, Emily Saia, and Courtney Sanders. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Mask Mandate Extension for approval. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to extend the mandate to October 19, 2021. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Certified and Classified Personnel Policy Committees, Jessica Jeffers and Adriane Barnes, representatives recommended a COVID/Pandemic Leave Policy. The committee recommends that the district provides up to an additional seven (7) days of paid leave for its employees who meet the requirements during an officially declared pandemic period when quarantine and isolation requirements are mandated by the state health officials. The Policy will be reviewed yearly and will go into effect immediately and be retroactive to August 16, 2021. Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

Dr. Nehus gave a brief update on news in the district. Park Magnet has been named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School!!! This is the third time they have received this honor! Trojan Store is opening in October.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS OMITTED.
RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL: Dr. Nehus presented the Ratification of Personnel for approval.
Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve personnel as presented. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
RECESS – five minutes.
Student Expulsion Hearing
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President, at 5:54 P.M. Members present were Debbie Ugbade and Linda White. Lonell "Dino" Lenox and Ann Hill rescued themselves and left the room at 5:54 P.M. Others present were the Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus and district administrators and staff. The mother, Ms. Tanesha Hughes-Keshinvo and student ID #2103160 were not present.

Dr. Cindy Rogers stated the meeting was for the purpose of hearing the recommended expulsion by Dr. Stephanie Nehus. Dr. Rogers explained to all present the procedures that would be followed, the rights of the parent and the student and that the hearing would be held in open session.

The hearing was held and at the conclusion, the Board voted on the recommendation by Dr. Nehus. Mrs. Ugbade moved that the School Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that student ID #2103160 be expelled from attending classes and all extra-curricular activities in the Hot Springs School District for a full calendar year, September 6, 2021 – September 5, 2022. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed 3-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business coming before the Board, Mrs. White made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Date Approved: **10/19/2021**

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Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President

ATTEST:_____
Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary