Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2020

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Roy Rowe Auditorium of the Jones Administrative Building, 400 Linwood Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

School members Present: Debbie Ugbade, Dr. Cynthia Roger, Steve White, Dino Lenox, and Ann Hill.

Central Office Staff members Present: Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus; Becky Rosburg, Assistant Supt.; Dr. Taryn Echols, Assistant Supt; David White, Debbie Clevenger, Bryce Walker, Adriane Barnes, Rodney Echols, Melissa Bratton, and Donnetta Frierson

Principals Present: Kiley Simms, Natasha Lenox, Kristen Gordon, Utana Newborn, Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, Zondria Campbell.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mrs. Debbie Ugbade called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. Ann Hill.

Mrs. Becky Rosburg, Assistant superintendent gave introductions of the previously hired employees.

ITEMS OF ACTION:
Mrs. Ugbade called for a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 minutes. Mr. Steve White made the motion. Dr. Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. David White, District Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Report. Mr. Dino Lenox made the motion to approve the report. Mr. Steve White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to continue the financial audit services with Cobb & Suskie Accountants, LTD, Little Rock, Arkansas. They will audit the regulatory basis financial statements of the Hot Springs School District. Dr. Rogers made to motion and Mrs. Ann Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to continue the Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision program. The CEP program will ensure free breakfast and lunch for all students of the district and will cover the period of four years beginning July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024. Mrs. Ann Hill made the motion and Dr. Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended a $1,000 stipend for a Covid-19 Point of Contact person. This person will be responsible for reporting any district Covid-19 cases to the Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas Department of Health. Dr. Nehus also recommended the district's Public Relations and Communications Coordinator as the contact person. Mr. Steve White made the motion and Mrs. Ann Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the District Policy updates for Mask coverings for students, staff and visitors during the Covid-19 Global Pandemic and the Attendance – Absences updates. A student is absent if the student is not: 1) present for onsite instruction provided by the district; 2) participating in planned district-approved activity, 3) or engaged in scheduled instruction at an off-site location, including remote learning. Mr. Lenox made the motion and Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to demolish the old Greenwood Elementary school at 1425 Greenwood Street. Mr. Lenox made the motion to accept the bid of John Jenkins for $160,750.00 to demolish the building. Mr. White seconded. After much discussion, the motion passed on a 4-1 vote with Dr. Rogers voting against the recommendation.

Mrs. Hill made the motion to table any action on the Maurice A. Dunn Fine Arts Center until the next meeting to gather more information. Dr. Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus made the recommendation to approve the District's Support Plan. Mr. White made the motion to approve and Dr. Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended purchasing Promethean ActivPanel from White River Service & Solutions for teachers at Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School instead of desktop computers. The cost is $214,768.44. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Memorandum of Agreement between Hot Springs School District and the Hot Springs Police Department for the School Resource Officer Program. The district will fund 75 percent of the cost and Hot Springs Police Department will fund 25 percent. The total amount to the district is $47,937.75. The agreement shall become effective on August 24, 2020 and remain in effect until June 8, 2021. Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve the agreement. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:
Dr. Nehus gave a brief update on School opening and COVID-19 link updates on the district website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Omitted

RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL:

The Ratification of Personnel was reviewed in open session. Mrs. Ugbade called for the motion. Dr. Rogers made the motion to approve the ratification of personnel as presented. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business coming before the Board, Mrs. Hill made the motion to adjourn. Mr. White seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Date: Approved: **9/15/2020**

Debbie Ugbade, Board President

Steve White, Board Secretary