

Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2021

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors held a Special Called meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Jones Administration Building Boardroom, 400 Linwood Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913.

Board members in attendance: Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Ann Hill, Dino Lenox, Debbie Ugbade and Linda White. Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus, Adriane Barnes, Public Relations and Communications, and Donnetta Frierson, Recorder of the Minutes.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5: 00 p.m. by Dr. Cynthia Rogers, president of the Board.

Dr. Nehus presented Policies 3.55H, 4.34, & 8.43H for recommendation. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to take No Action on the policies at this time. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed 5-0 vote. The policies will go before the Personnel Policy Committee for review.

Dr. Nehus recommended a Resolution Regarding Masks and Litigation Concerning Act 1002 for the 2021-22 School Year. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed 5-0 vote. The Hot Springs School Board,

1. Authorize Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus, to implement public-health precautions, including a requirement that all persons present on school campuses or in school vehicles or buses, including staff, students, visitors, and others, wear masks or other appropriate face coverings, so long as Judge Fox's order preliminarily enjoining Act 1002 is in effect; and
2. Authorize Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus, to continue or rescind any public-health precautions implemented as necessary to comply with any and all future orders of the Pulaski County Circuit Court, the Arkansas Court of Appeals, and the Arkansas Supreme Court regarding Act 1002, and any other applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulation; and,
3. Continue to strongly recommend that all of our students, their families, and our employees get vaccinated and follow all CDC guidelines regarding wearing a mask in order to protect themselves and others, without regard to the final outcome of all litigation regarding Act 1002; and,
4. This resolution shall remain in effect from the August 9, 2021 until the September 21, 2021, board meeting where it will be reevaluated, the Supreme Court issues a stay of the injunction, or there is a ruling in the Circuit Court upholding Act 1002.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Student Vaccination Incentive Program for approval. Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 vote. *"This Incentive will be available to all Hot Springs School District students who are 12 and older that voluntarily opt-in to receive the incentive as part of the plan for safely reopening the Hot Springs School District for the 2021-2022 school year. Students are required to have received at least one vaccine shot by September 1, 2021 and the second shot by October 1, 2021, to be eligible to receive this Incentive. Eligible students will be awarded a one-time Incentive of a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. Eligible students must provide proof of vaccination by submitting a copy of the student's vaccination card or presenting the vaccination card to Central Office personnel for viewing. All information obtained as part of this process will be used only for purposes of verifying eligibility and Incentive compensation processing and are not subject to release for any other purpose. Documentation will be accepted in the Central Office until close of business on October 1, 2021. Incentives will be processed and provided to eligible students by October 31, 2021."*

EXECUTIVE SESSION was Omitted.

RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL

Superintendent, Dr. Nehus presented the ratification of personnel. Mrs. Ugbade made a motion to approve personnel as presented. Mr. Lenox seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business coming before the Board. Mrs. Hill made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Lenox seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Date Approved: **8/17/2021**

Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary