

Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2020

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 21, 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, and Donnetta Frierson

Principals Present: Kiley Simms, Natasha Lenox, Kristen Gordon, Utana Newborn, Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, Zondria Swift, **Asst. principals,** Nikki Anderson and Eric Lenox.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Debbie Ugbade called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Dino Lenox.

ITEMS OF ACTION:

Mrs. Ugbade called for a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes. Dr. Rogers made the motion. Mrs. Ann Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to renew the four-year Community Eligibility Provision Program beginning the 2020-2021 school year. This will ensure free lunch for all students. Our current cycle is set to expire. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval of the Resolution for the New Superintendent Mentoring Program established by Arkansas Department of Education for first-year superintendents. Dr. Nehus will mentor the new superintendent of Gurdon Public Schools, Ms. Nikki Thomas. Dr. Rogers made the motion to support the Arkansas School Superintendents Mentoring Program and support the involvement of the Hot Springs School District superintendent in this worthwhile training endeavor. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval of the IXL Learning Purchase Agreement for use of remote learning due to Covid-19. Year 1 - \$37,134.40; Year 2 - \$26,658.30; Year 3 - \$26,658.30. The total amount is \$90,451.00 and the subscription duration is July 20, 2020 thru July 10, 2023. Mr. White made motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval for PowerSchool Schoology Content Subscription for Professional Learning due to Covid-19. The amount is \$32,255.25 for initial term and \$25,055.25 thereafter. The term is August 1, 2020 thru July 31, 2021. Mr. White made the motion to approve the recommendation and Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended to the approval of the Technology District Rotation Plan that include the purchase of 775 Dell Chromebooks and the Chrome OS Management License from River Services and Solutions. The total cost is \$232,483.57. Mr. Lenox made motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to purchase 300 Dell Laptop computers for teachers home use during virtual learning due to Covid-19 as part of the Cares Act program. Mr. White made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to Governor Asa Hutchinson's state mandate for all public school to open on or after August 24, 2020, Dr. Nehus recommended the revised 2020-2021 school calendar with August 24, 2020, first day for students and June 8th, last day for students. There are seven (7) Covid-19 professional development days for teachers. Teachers will receive a separate contract for the extra days. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the revised calendar and Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval of the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education 2020-2021 Statement of Assurance for the Hot Springs School District. This assurance is to certify that the district is in compliance with all state laws and the Standards for Accreditation. Dr. Rogers made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval of the Jonestown Park Lease Renewal. The Hot Springs School District intent letter to renew the Lease of the Jonestown Park located at 302 Hobson Avenue to the City of Hot Springs for (\$1) One dollar per year. The term of the lease shall be for a period of (10) ten years commencing on January 1, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2030. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the lease agreement and Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the approval to purchase PPE for the District that includes gloves, gowns, disposable masks, foggers, sanitizing wipes, protective eyewear, shields, and desk guards, etc. Mr. Lenox made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

Dr. Nehus gave a presentation of the District Support Plan for Trojan Ready to Learn.

Executive was omitted.

RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL: The Ratification of Personnel was reviewed in open session. Mr. Steve White made the motion to approve the ratifications of personnel as presented. Mrs. Ann Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Dr. Rogers made the motion to adjourn. Dino Lenox seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Date: Approved: **8/18/2020**

Debbie Ugbade, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Steve White, Board Secretary