Hot Springs School District #6
MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 15, 2022

The Hot Springs School District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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. Linda White, and Mrs. Debbie Ugbade.

Central Office Staff members present: Superintendent, Dr. Stephanie Nehus; Mrs. Becky Rosburg, Assistant Supt.; Assistant Supt; David White, Vashanti Williams, Bryce Walker, Natasha Lenox, Melissa Bratton, Adriane Barnes, and Donnetta Frierson. **Principals:** Kiley Simms, Kristen Gordon, Dr. Sarah Oatsvall, and Utana Newborn.

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.

The PLC Highlights were presented by Ms. Utana Newborn, principal of Oaklawn STEM Magnet School.

ITEMS OF ACTION:

Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022 and Special Called minutes of February 17, 2022. Mr. Lenox made the motion. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. David White, District Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Report. After discussion, Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the spring 2022 Arkansas Rewards Money spending plan for Park Magnet School. Park Magnet was awarded $19,600.00 as one of the top 6-10 percent of high performing schools in student academic growth for the 2020-2021 school year. The following spending protocol was proposed: $3,000 to be place in the staff Activity Fund; $550.00 to all 24 non-shared certified employees and $450 to the two (2) shared certified employees toward one of the following, a monetary bonus, electronic device or classroom supplies and $250.00 monetary bonus to the 10 classified employees. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hot Springs School District and Webb Eye Care Associates, PA and SportSight 501, LLC. Webb Eye Care will provide primary vision health care as needs arise to improve health status, optimize academic achievement, and enhance the students' overall well-being. Webb Eye Care will also provide training to improve

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oculomotor performance skills that aid in academic performance as indicated.
This agreement shall be effective on March 7, 2022. If termination by either party should occur, adequate notice shall be given in writing with no less than 90 days' notice to allow for adjustments of rendered service programs in the future. Mrs. White made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Ugbade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Resolution of New Superintendent Mentoring program for approval. Dr. Nehus will mentor a new superintendent for twelve 12 months and receive a stipend of $1500 provided by the Arkansas Association of Education Administrators. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve the resolution that states the Board supports the Arkansas Superintendent Mentoring Program and also supports the involvement of the Hot Springs School District Superintendent in this worthwhile training endeavor. Mrs. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nehus recommended the Raise Proposal beginning the 2022-2023 school year for all classified employees on an hourly schedule, an increase of $1.00 per hour and for all employees on a regular (non-hourly) salary schedule (classified and certified) an increase of two (2) percent. Mrs. Ugbade made the motion to approve the Raise Proposal. Mr. Lenox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

Dr. Nehus presented the Superintendent Report.

- We have several students who have received state awards for winter sports - wrestling and swimming
- ESSER & vaccination updates are attached
- COVID-19 Updates
- HSWCHS has received the Sports Medicine Program of Study Start-Up Grant in the amount of $31,956.67 (Athletic Trainer/Teacher position posted)

Executive Session was omitted.

RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved: **4/19/2022**

Dr. Cynthia Rogers, Board President

Lonell "Dino" Lenox, Board Secretary