

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME BOARD OF EDUCATION**

November 20, 2014

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Jason Schmeski, Arnold Knox, Bill Wehmeyer, Lisa House, Ben Strider, Neal Pendergrass and Barbara Horton. Administrators, media and other guests were also present. Mr. Strider called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Pinkston Middle School EAST students and Ashley Dunavan, EAST facilitator, lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehmeyer to approve the agenda and minutes of the October 16, 2014 and November 5, 2014 board meetings.

Both motions were unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Representatives from two search firms; Ray and Associates and McPherson-Jacobson LLC were present at the meeting. Each firm gave their presentations showing the board what they have to offer to the district in the search for a new Superintendent.

Financial Reports– Ann Harned

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the month ended October 31, 2014 with total fund balances of \$8,923,874.33 and total current expenditures and outgoing transfers of \$4,014,681.12

Ms. Harned went over the Statement of Changes in Activity Funds and the Summary of Bond Issue Activity.

Enrollment- as read (3958)

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Recommendation to adopt Perkins and amended Title VI-B funds - Ann Harned

Ms. Harned stated that the district was notified that it would be receiving more money in the VI-B fund, therefore would need to be amended. She went on to say that the Perkins federal fund needed to be added to the budget. Ms. Harned recommended that the board adopt the Perkins and Title VI-B budgets.

Motion to adopt Perkins and amended Title VI-B funds

Mr. Wehmeyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knox, to adopt Perkins and amend the Title VI-B fund.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Related party disclosures- Ann Harned

Ms. Harned spoke of the need for related party disclosure form to be voted on by the board. She recommended that the board approve a resolution to do business with Radio Shack and with Yelcot Telephone. (Board member Arnold Knox left the room during voting)

Motions to approve related party disclosures

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to approve a resolution to do business with Yelcot Telephone.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. House made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to approve a resolution to do business with Radio Shack.

The motion was unanimously approved.

2015 Dental Coverage - Ann Harned

Ms. Harned stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield currently is our dental insurance provider. After the bidding process she recommends that the board approve Delta Dental as our dental insurance provider for the next 2 years.

Motion on 2015 Dental Coverage

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Ms. House to approve Delta Dental as our dental insurance provider for the next 2 years.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to approve the charter at Mountain Home Career Academies- Dana Brown

Ms. Brown explained why the charter needs to be renewed every 5 years. She also went over the existing waivers and the additional waivers being applied for. She recommended that the board approve the charter renewal application for the Mountain Home High School Career Academies to continue as a Conversion Charter high school.

Motion to approve the charter application at Mountain Home Career Academies

Mr. Schmeski made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knox to approve the charter renewal application for the Mountain Home High School Career Academies.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of infant simulators- Amy Butler

Ms. Butler went over the background on the need for new infant simulators. She went on to explain that the purchase has been approved thru Perkins already and that it was a sole source bid. Her recommendation is that the board approves the purchase of new infant simulators for the price of \$10,682.10

Motion to approve the purchase of infant simulators

Mr. Schmeski made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wehmeyer, to approve the purchase of new infant simulators for \$10,682.10.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of pole vault equipment- Janet Wood

Ms. Wood explained the need for new pole vault equipment; she also stated that the booster club will be providing \$5000.00 toward the equipment. She recommends that the board approve the purchase of new pole vault equipment from the lowest bidder for \$12,430.00

Motion to approve the purchase of pole vault equipment

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to approve the purchase of new pole vault equipment from the lowest bidder for \$12,430.00

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of iPads for district- Keith Alman

Mr. Alman with help from Amy Butler sent out a survey on technology needs. The survey results revealed that approximately 80 teachers were in need of classroom iPads. He found Apple to have the best price and recommends that the board approve the purchase of 80 iPads from the low bid of \$32,463.20.

Motion to approve the purchase of iPads for district

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to approve the purchase of 80 iPads from the low bid of \$32,463.20.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to grant utility easement- Mike Walker

Mr. Walker explained the background and rationale on the recommendation to grant a 20 foot utility easement on the west side of the property across from the administrative office.

Motion to grant utility easement

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to grant a 20 foot utility easement on the west side of the property across from the administrative office.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Update- Dr. Myers congratulated Mr. Bill Wehmeyer on receiving the Outstanding Board Member Award. He reminded everyone that the December board meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 16th. Mr. Strider wanted to mention that the City Council recognized the Junior High football team and their undefeated season during their last meeting. He commented how proud he is of this community.

Break taken at- 7:43 p.m.

Executive Session Results – 8:46 p.m.

Recommendation on Classified Staff – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve employment of the classified staff as listed on the classified staff sheet.

Motion on Classified Staff

Ms. House made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehmeyer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of classified staff as listed on the classified staff sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation on Stipends – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the stipends as listed on the stipend sheet.

Motion on Stipends

Mr. Schmeski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knox to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of stipends as listed on the stipends sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Strider said that the meeting would not be adjourned, that the board would continue to meet and have a discussion regarding the two search firms that presented that evening. Administrators, media and guests left the room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Ben Strider, President

Jason Schmeski, Secretary