

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARMOREL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of Armorel School District, State of Arkansas, met in regular session on November 13, 2017, at 5:30pm in the Administration Office. President Scott Jowers called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Scott Jowers, Mr. Jeff Hollingsead, Mrs. Angela Finley, Mr. Jeff Hopper, Mr. Eldon Carter

Absent: None

BUSINESS

45) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mrs. Finley to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2017 regular board meeting.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

46) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hollingsead to approve the expenditures for October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

INFORMATIONAL

Gym Lobby Expansion/Renovation Update: Keith Chunn of Tate Construction

a. Left to complete the gym lobby:

- There are a few broken tiles in the ladies' restroom that needs to be fixed.
- The front doors will need to be adjusted again. These will need to be adjusted a few more times to get them where you want them.
- The window in the concession stand still needs to be installed. Mr. Chunn hopes to get it in next week.
- There are some noticeable scratches on the black boarder of the tiger logo. That will need to be buffed out and corrected.
- We have not received the paw print logo yet. They do want Tate to pay for the freight before they send it. Tate would rather receive it and then pay for it.
- Keith Chunn thanked the board for their business and let them know they were pleasant to work for.

Elementary Update: Principal Joey Carr

a. They elementary book fair sold over 1,100 books recently.

- b. Students in grades 3-6 will begin taking ACT Aspire Interims in the next 3-6 weeks. The students all have headphones or earbuds.
- c. 3rd & 4th grades have been publishing their work from the keyboard, which is great practice for the ACT Aspire.

High School Update: Principal Teresa Lawrence

- a. A few leadership team members, Mrs. Lawrence, and Mrs. Barbaree will be going this week for another School of Innovation Meeting. Mrs. Lawrence is getting ready to put a council together to pull the community in and talk about the changes that this will involve within the high school. She hopes that all or some of the board members will participate in the council.
- b. Homecoming was a success. There are a few possible changes for next year. We are creating a homecoming committee to help discuss and evaluate our process.

Administration: Superintendent Jennifer Barbaree

- a. Mrs. Barbaree was very pleased with all Homecoming activities and student engagement.
- b. Thanksgiving lunch was amazing. We served 574 people and the food was delicious.
- c. The concrete benches have arrived and look great. We are planning to anchor them down.
- d. Tables were ordered for the gym lobby area for dressing food, etc.
- e. Mrs. Barbaree is still looking for the right trophy cases for the lobby.
- f. E.A.S.T. students were selected to present at the ASBA annual conference on December 7. They will be presenting on technology and student leadership.
- g. ASBA conference registration is now open. Board members were asked to let the secretary to the board know if they are attending and which days so registrations can be done.
- h. Crowley's Ridge Educational Coop. will be applying for a waiver to begin school next year on August 14. If approved, we can start school the week before we normally would.
- i. Mr. Jowers will need to decide if he wants a signature stamp or have an electronic signature as the disbursing officer for all checks.
- j. We now have been approved for our (AMI) Alternative Method of Instruction Plan. When we have inclement weather, utility outages, contagious diseases, or acts of God, teachers and students will still be able to do their work. We will not have to attend additional days of school if we provide alternative methods of instruction. As part of our plan, we will make the community aware of the methods we will use. We will be sending this information home with students soon.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Barbaree spoke about the 2018 Facilities Master Plan. The discussion included:

- **Waiting to build the new elementary building until next spring instead of this spring**
- **Completed projects: Gym Lobby Expansion**
- **Future projects: K-4 Elementary, Elem. Corridors, Elem. Safe Room, Parking Lot, High School Safe Room, Addition to Library**

The discussion was opened up for all at the board meeting to express concerns, questions, and ideas to consider adding to the facilities master plan. Some of the suggestions/questions included:

- **Is there a way to tie the Jr. High/Library building to the High School building together? Possible corridor? Can we make the corridor a “safe room” for students and staff?**

47) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hopper to accept the 2018 Facilities Master Plan Resolution. We do not elect any funds from anywhere else to build anything we are doing at this time. We will provide our own school money to build any projects.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

48) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hollingsead to accept the Annual School Election Resolution, with a May election.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

49) A motion was made by Mrs. Finley and seconded by Mr. Hopper to accept the Student Transfer from Blytheville School District.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mr. Hopper stepped out of the meeting at 6:25 pm

50) A motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Finley to accept Mrs. Barbaree’s recommendation for a one-time staff bonus. The bonus will be \$1,500 for full time and \$750 for part time employees. The cost for the district will be \$136,125 for the bonus and benefits. This bonus will come in their payroll check instead of a bonus check.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mr. Hopper returned to the meeting at 6:27pm

51) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hopper to accept the purchase of 25 elementary MacBook Airs from Apple for \$27,956.50. This will be paid from Student Growth money and Title I money.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

52) A motion was made by Mr. Hollingsead and seconded by Mr. Finley to adjourn.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mrs. Finley, Mr. Hollingsead, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried

President: _____

Secretary: _____