

## **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 January 8, 2018, at 5:30pm in the Administration Office. President Scott Jowers called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **BUSINESS**

- 57) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 regular board meeting.  
Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hopper  
Nays: None  
Motion carried
- 58) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the expenditures for December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.  
Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hopper  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

### **INFORMATIONAL**

Elementary Update: Superintendent Jennifer Barbaree

- a. Mr. Carr has been working on his formal observations and will be completed by February.
- b. Starting Tuesday, the elementary will start study groups. We have 15 students that will participate in after school study groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

High School Update: Superintendent Jennifer Barbaree

- a. Mrs. Lawrence will be leaving Tuesday with a group of teachers for a leadership team. This is a 4-day professional learning that allows them to participate in school leadership. She will go again next week with another group of teachers.

Administration: Superintendent Jennifer Barbaree

- a. January is School Board Appreciation month. Mrs. Barbaree thanked the board for all they do and read the School Board Resolution for Appreciation. She also presented a video our journalism students made on "What students think a board member does".

- b. Ms. Angela Finley received the Master Award at ASBA for accruing 50 hours of schoolboard credit. Mr. Scott Jowers received a pin for earning at least 25 hours of in-service credit.
- c. EAST students made National News for their work on the prosthetic leg for Peg the Duck. USA TODAY has our story on their website, and all NBC affiliates will be airing the story tonight (January 5, 2018). They originally aired the story on Region 8 News Wednesday night.
- d. We had a successful Professional Learning Day. Mrs. Barbaree and the faculty worked together to review our Mission and determine what it means to us. They began strategic planning. The teachers responded to a survey to help prioritize our focuses.
- e. Hospitality Room and coaches' offices have tile flooring. The hospitality room will be getting the heat and air unit soon, as well as, the ceiling.
- f. Over break maintenance painted the large gym wall (score board end), cleaned up locker rooms, painted other areas, along with many other items on the "to do list".
- g. The new awning between the gym and cafeteria is in the works.
- h. We made our final payments to Tate and ETFC for our gym lobby expansion.
- i. I would like to report each school board member's training hours for the year of 2017. It is required all board members receive 6 hours of training a year unless he or she is a new board member. Newly elected board members are required to receive 9 hours within their first 15 months of service. All board members have met their requirement for 2017 training hours. ACT 589 of 2017
  - a. Scott Jowers – 6 hours
  - b. Jeff Hollingshead – 19 hours
  - c. Angela Finley – 16 hours
  - d. Jeff Hopper – 16 hours
  - e. Eldon Carter – 13 hours
- j. Commissioner Key approved our calendar year waiver for one year.
- k. Certain high school special education students are in the O.W.L (Opportunities for Work-based Learning) program which is provided through the Department of Education and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. The focus of the O.W.L. program is to provide special education students with opportunities to work in various positions. Currently, we have four students completing jobs around the campus. Two of these students also work at the Goodwill store. In January, the O.W.L. program will begin contacting new businesses to help strengthen this program.
- l. Child Nutrition Unit will be here for our Standards visit on January 29.
- m. We submitted bids to host regional basketball, baseball, and softball tournaments. Coach Brown and Mrs. Barbaree will be attending the AAA board meeting Thursday, Jan. 11 to state our qualities and see if we are awarded the bids.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

59) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the Resolution for Electronic Transfer of Funds.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hopper

Nays: None

Motion carried

**\*\*Everyone except the board members left the meeting at 6:20pm for executive session. Executive session was to discuss personnel evaluation. At 6:55 Mrs. Barbaree was asked to step in to review the superintendent evaluation. Everyone was welcomed back in the meeting at 7:20pm. No decisions were made during executive session. \*\***

60) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Hopper to renew the contract of Superintendent Barbaree for another year, which extends her contract through the 2019-2020 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hopper

Nays: None

Motion carried

61) A motion was made by Mr. Jowers and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn.

Yeas: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hopper

Nays: None

Motion carried

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_