

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
August 14, 2023**

The directors of the board met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 200 West Oak St, El Dorado, Arkansas with Susan Turbeville presiding. Other directors present were Vicky Dobson, Renee Skinner, Kenneth Clemons, and Wayne Gibson. Directors Keith Smith and Todd Whatley were absent. Also in attendance were Jim Tucker, Melissa Powell, Sherry Floss, Shelley Pruitt, and Missy Passmore

Mrs. Turbeville asked if there were corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting held on July 10. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 5-0 vote the minutes were approved and are on file in the superintendent's office.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Renee Skinner, seconded by Kenneth Clemmons, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes were approved and are on file in the superintendent's office.

Jason Holsclaw congratulated the board for the millage passing in the recent election. He stated that there was an increase from 7.7 mils to 11.6 mils. With this revenue coming in it allows for a 29 mil cushion available going forward. He stated that there will be a competitive bid on November 1 at 10 AM for the bond sale. November 13 he will return for approval with the closing bid on December 5. He also stated that the tax exempt debt must be spent within three years, and that there are exceptions which can be discussed in the future if needed.

Blake Dunn also congratulated the board on the passing of the millage for the new Intermediate School and stated that it is now time to start planning for our next steps. We will need to determine the project delivery method. Assemble architect/engineer design team. Develop preliminary project schedule and budget. Order and obtain site studies. This will consist of topographical survey of the campus, geotechnical investigation and analysis, and asbestos surveys of the existing High School Buildings. And the ARDOT traffic impact analysis.

Mr. Dunn also stated that the project could go the traditional design, bid, build delivery method, but he would like to propose we use a construction manager. With this method the construction manager will act as a member of the design team in the development and design phases. He will then assume the risk for construction performance as the equivalent of a general contractor holding all trade subcontracts during the construction phase. The CM selection is based upon best qualified and capable of performing the desired work. The early input during the design process will contribute to cost savings. Development of a guaranteed maximum price. CM holds all trade contracts and purchase orders. All work is fully bonded. All trade subcontracts are competitively bid. The timeline will be as follows:

August 16 - Issue RFQ for Construction Manager

August 20 - RFQ Advertisement

August 29 - Receive statements of Qualifications

August 30-Sept 8 - Screen/Score statements of Qualifications

September 11 - Rank/Select CM Firms to be interviewed

September 12 Notify CM Firms selected for interviews

TBD - Interviews/Select Construction Manager.

On a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves to search for a construction manager for the ' Intermediate School Building project.

Shelley Pruitt then stated that there were no bids received for the district's property, fleet, and mobile insurance coverage. Therefore she requests the approval to renew with the Arkansas School Boards Association. The renewal for the 23-24 coverage is for \$358,626.27 for the Building and Contents. It will be \$53,050.67 for the Fleet and Mobile Equipment with a total of \$411,676.94. She stated that this is a \$203,474.34 increase over last year. The Arkansas Insurance Department (AID) is funding \$59,467.94 of our property premium increase of nearly \$200,000 over the premium for last year. Coverage and deductibles remain the same as prior year. After a time of discussion, on a motion by Renee Skinner, a second by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 5-0 vote it was

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the renewal of the district's property, fleet and mobile insurance coverage with the Arkansas School Boards Association for the 23-24 school year at \$411,676.94.

Mrs. Pruitt also stated that it was time for the annual transfer of funds from the 22-23 fiscal year. This is required transfer of funds. After a time of discussion on a motion by Vicky Dobson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the required transfer of the funds from the 22-23 fiscal year.

Sherry Floss presented the Federal Assurances to the board for approval. She explained how the district will properly manage the funds granted to the district and use them as intended by the state. After a time of discussion, on a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Renee Skinner and carried on a 5-0 vote it was

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the Federal Assurances as presented.

Carolyn Smith then presented a recommendation for curriculum adoption for 9th & 10th grade biology. She stated that Biology teachers Mariah Saulsbury, Kala John and Lara Robbins were on the committee with her. The recommendation is to use BSCS Biology: Understanding for Life. She stated that it is the next generation in a line of BSCS Biology programs that presents inquiry based research driven high school biology programs to teachers and students. The program integrates the three-dimensional disciplinary shifts called for in the latest NCSS as well as provides support for educators to successfully implement the curriculum. BSCS Biology: Understanding for Life has been designed with the explicit goal of preparing students to make well-informed and well-reasoned decisions in their personal, professional, and civic lives. The program provides students with the robust science understanding and lifelong learning skills they will need to keep up with the rapid pace of changes in the life sciences they will see over the course of their lives. Each unit introduces students with a compelling, real-world problem to solve or phenomenon to explain, and is a building block toward solving the unit's problem and being prepared to address related challenges throughout their lives. The challenges explored in the program's four units are: Infectious diseases, heredity and complex diseases, sustainable food systems, and protection of biodiversity. She stated that this curriculum has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education's Ed Reports as a High Quality Instructional Material. It is aligned with Biology standards. It is designed from the ground up to support teachers in meeting the next generation Science Standards. Specifically, it integrates support for English language learners and students with below grade level literacy skills. It directly addresses societal challenges we can no longer ignore, while allowing students to investigate compelling and relevant phenomena that will keep them from ever asking, "Why do I need to know this?" After a time of discussion on a motion by vicky Dobson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves BSCS Biology: Understanding Life as the curriculum for the 9th and 10th grade curriculum.

Mrs. Turbeville stated that we had received the following transfer requests. Mr. Tucker recommended these legal transfers.

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer his student to the Camden Fairview School District. On a motion by Kenneth Clemons, a second by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer her student to the Parkers Chapel School District. On a motion by Renee Skinner, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer her student to the Junction City School District. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Vicky Dobson And carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer her student to the Parkers Chapel School District. On a motion by Kenneth Clemons, a second by Wayne Gibson and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer her student age 13, to the Smackover Norphlet School District. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in El Dorado and would like to transfer his student to the Smackover-Norphlet School District. On a motion by Renne Skinner, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent who resides in El Dorado School District would like to transfer his student to the Smackover Norphlet School District. On a motion by Vicky Dobson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in the El Dorado School District and would like to transfer her student to the Parkers Chapel School District on a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Renee Skinner and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in the Junction City School District and would like to transfer her student to the El Dorado School District. On a motion by Renee Skinner, a second by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in the El Dorado School District and would like to transfer her student to the Smackover-Norphlet School District on a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Kenneth Clemons and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Parent resides in the El Dorado School District and would like to transfer his student to the Hampton School District per judges orders on a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Vicky Dobson and carried on a 5-0 vote it was approved.

Mrs. Turbeville made the following announcements:

- **2023 Central Hybrid Fall Leadership Institute**, Hot Springs Convention Center, September 28, 2023
- **2023 AAEA Fall Conference**, Benton, AR - October 10, 2023
- **70th ASBA Annual Conference**, Marriott Hotel & Statehouse Convention Center December 6-8
- **New Board Member Boot Camp**, Marriott Hotel & Statehouse Convention Center December 6

The meeting recessed to an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:55 pm. The board reconvened to an open meeting at 7:38 pm and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, a second by Kenneth Clemons, and carried on a 5-0 vote. it was:

RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the superintendent's recommendation concerning the acceptance of resignations and the employment of new personnel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.