

Marked Tree Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were: Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., Mr. Bryan Parrish, Ms. Dana Ashcraft, Mr. Lynn Teague, and Ms. Vickie Green. President Vickie Green called the meeting to order.

Media Notified.

- I. **RECOGNITION OF TEACHER AND STUDENTS – BARBARA WILBURN:**
SRHI Basketball Coach Barbara Wilburn along with several players on the team were recognized for placing runners up of the IIA State Championship. Each player was given an opportunity to express their most memorable moments of tournament.
- II. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING , FEBRUARY 20, 2017:**
Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.
- III. **REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**
The financial report was presented by Superintendent Annesa Thompson. Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dana Ashcraft. All voted in favor.
- IV. **CONSIDER 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**
Mr. Bryan Parrish made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to approve the attached 2017-2018 School Calendar presented by the personnel policy committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. All voted in favor.
- V. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**
Superintendent Annesa Thompson reviewed bills currently being considered by State Legislators with board members. The bills included education savings vouchers and the impact vouchers would have on public schools along with a bill that would allow private and charter schools to buy unused buildings owned by the school at a fair market value and the possibility of requiring cameras and seat belts on school buses.
- VI. **REPORT FROM BUILDING PRINCIPALS:**
Elementary Principal Lisa Gray announced that report cards will be issued on March 27 and also that Kindergarten will participate in their annual Easter Parade in April.

High School Principal Matt Wright announced that the prom will be held on April 1 and give invitations to board members for the event. He also reported that 40 of the 44 graduating seniors have completed two classes in the CTE program and also that 9 weeks test are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Thursday & Friday make up day.

VII. **REVIEW ADVANCED ACCREDITATION REVIEW:**

Superintendent Annesa Thompson reported that the accreditation review was completed on February 20 thru February 23. The team examined three areas including teaching/learning; leadership capacity; as well as resource utilization. They met with a total of 64 people which included 39 students, 9 parents, and 16 members of the instructional staff. They found that the Monday Leadership meetings with administrators was a powerful practice and that they had utilized resources wisely in terms of the technology made available to students as well as teachers including the infrastructure that is in place.

It was also suggested that students involved in community service participate in community service at the campus also and that the district consider establishing a Future Teachers of America group due to the teacher shortages and to include classified staff in data analysis.

The team concluded by continuing the district's accreditation classification and will return to revisit in 2021.

VIII. **BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- a. NSBA Annual Conference – March 25-27 Denver, CO
- b. Four Corners Conference – March 28 Jonesboro, AR
- c. AAEA-ASBA Joint Leadership Conference – May 9 N. Little Rock
- d. Southern Region Conference – July 16-18 Hot Springs

IX. **PERSONNEL:**

President Vickie Green called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

President Vickie Green called the meeting into Regular Session.

Ms. Dana Ashcraft made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to accept the resignation of Michael Rinaldi and Robin Cunningham at the end of their current contracts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor.

Ms. Dana Ashcraft made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Annesa Thompson to rehire the attached list of certified personnel for the 2017-2018 school year with the understanding that any licensed personnel not on the list are tabled at this time. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. Ms. Dana Ashcraft, Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr., Ms. Vickie Green, Mr. Bryan Parrish all voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Lynn Teague voted to oppose the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Ira Lee Whitfield, Sr. made a motion to hire Matt Wright as superintendent of the Marked Tree School District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Parrish. All voted in favor with terms to be decided later.

X. **OTHER BUSINESS (from BOARD MEMBERS):**

No other business was discussed.

President Vickie Green adjourned the meeting.

Ms. Vickie Green
Board President

Mr. Bryan Parrish
Board Secretary