

A meeting of the Board of Education of Marion School District No. 3

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Date: June 21, 2011

Place: District Administration Office

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Members Absent

A. Jan Thomas, Jr.

Presiding Officer

Rev. Jeffrey Richardson

Steve A. Sutton

Phillip M. Brick

Darrylee Arms

Brian Proffitt

Chester McGee

A regular meeting of the Marion School Board was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at the District Administration Office, with A. Jan Thomas, Jr., Rev. Jeffrey Richardson, Steve A. Sutton, Phillip Brick, and Brian Proffitt in attendance. Also in attendance were Don Johnston, Superintendent; Jeff Altemus, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Robin Catt, Director of Human Resources; Homer Peters, Director of Federal Programs; W. T. Duncan, Athletic/Facilities Director; Toya White, FACS Teacher, MHS; Gary Meece, *Evening Times*; and Peggy Cozart, Secretary to Superintendent.

Jan Thomas called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the regular board meeting on May 26, 2011 were approved with a motion from Brian Proffitt, second from Steve A. Sutton and a unanimous vote.

The board reviewed the finance and enrollment reports. No action was required.

Homer Peters, Director of Federal Programs, reviewed the Migrant Program. The motion to continue the Migrant Program and authorize the filing of the Migrant Education application was made by Steve A. Sutton, seconded by Brian Proffitt and passed with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Catt reviewed the request for District AdvancED Accreditation requesting the shift from individual school accreditation to district accreditation. Brian Proffitt made a motion to approve the request for District AdvancED. The motion was seconded by Steve A. Sutton and passed with a unanimous vote.

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Mr. Jeff Altemus reviewed construction/renovation projects. After a discussion, Steve A. Sutton made the following motion: "After deferring action on the demolition of the old high school for one year to give concerned citizens an opportunity to seek out funds to preserve the old high school, I make a motion to approve the demolition of the old high school and the building of four classrooms." Rev. Jeffrey Richardson seconded the motion, which passed with a 4 – 1 vote.

Rev. Jeffrey Richardson made a motion to approve the remaining construction/renovation projects as presented. Steve A. Sutton seconded the motion, which passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Jeff Altemus reviewed the resolution for the issuance of second lien bonds. After consideration the board approved a motion as follows: "The Marion School Board authorizes Stephens Inc. to file an application with the State Board of Education to issue second lien bonds in the estimated amount of \$4,150,000 for the purpose of adding four classrooms to Marion Middle School, adding four classrooms and a P.E. facility to Marion Intermediate School, renovate the Marion High School Cafeteria and costs of issuance and underwriter's discount allowance. Any remaining funds will be used for other capital projects and equipment purchases." The motion was made by Rev. Jeffrey Richardson, seconded by Brian Proffitt, and passed with a unanimous vote.

The 2009-2010 audit of Turrell School District was reviewed by Jeff Altemus. No action was required of the board.

The board approved a proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for 2012-2013 as presented by Jeff Altemus with a motion from Steve A. Sutton, second from Brian Proffitt, and a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Johnston presented the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations: (all effective end of 2010-2011 term)

1. Jennifer Williams, Special Education Resource Teacher, MES
2. Tony Robinson, In-School Suspension, MHS
3. Scotta Allen, Office Assistant, MMS
4. Barbara Faggett, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, MHS
5. Precious Bolton, AR Assistant, MES
6. Justin Edwards, In-School Suspension, MMS
7. JoAnne Harlow Arceneaux, Paraprofessional, MES
8. Kimberly Doolittle, Special Education Teacher, AES
9. April Taylor, Drama Teacher, MHS
10. Rhonda King, Bookkeeper, AES

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Employ:

1. Valerie Martin, 6th Grade Literacy/Language Arts, MMS, & MHS Cheerleading Sponsor, replacing Leah Schmidt (Requirement: Must obtain initial Arkansas license by August 1, 2011, and obtain AAA requirements for coaching cheerleaders as specified by AAA.)
2. Susan Wright, Free & Reduced Records Clerk, Cafeteria, replacing Sabrina McDermott
3. Patricia Wilhoite, Cafeteria worker, replacing Tammy Henderson
4. Louella Moore, Cafeteria worker, replacing Perla Vasquez
5. Tracy Todd, 4th Grade Teacher, MIS, replacing Dana Swan
6. Brooke Dollar, 3rd Grade Teacher, MES, replacing Shathar Bates (Requirement: Must obtain standard P-4 Arkansas license.)
7. Mary Alice Gerrard, 7th Grade Math Teacher, MMS, replacing Michelle Dunham (Requirement: Must meet annual requirements for the NTL Program for year one for Middle Childhood Eng/Lang/Soc Studies/Science/Math, grades 4-8)
8. Emily Shepherd, Special Education Teacher, MJHS, replacing Ashlee Farmer (Requirement: Must be eligible for a one year non-renewable provisional license in Special Education; must complete Arkansas History course by April 1, 2012.)
9. Mary McCracken, 1st Grade Teacher, AES, replacing Christina Nelson
10. Dekeshia Johnson, Family & Consumer Science, MHS, replacing Barbara Faggett
11. Jaime Dunaway, English, MHS, replacing Brenna Taylor (Requirement: Must complete necessary course work for standard Arkansas license by April 1, 2012.)
12. Paula Cosgrove, Special Education Resource Teacher, AES, new position
13. Gloria Bruce, Custodian, AES, replacing Kenneth Perkins (6/21/2011)
14. Blake Owen, Assistant Principal, MMS, new position, \$67, 419, 220 day contract

Transfer:

1. Patricia Rudd, from Special Education Teacher, MMS, to Special Education Teacher, MES, replacing Jennifer Williams

Renew contract for 2011-2012:

1. Minnette Stevenson, Paraprofessional, Alternative School

Summer School:

1. Nancy Sparks, Special Education Teacher

The personnel recommendations were approved as presented with a motion from Steve A. Sutton, second from Brian Proffitt and a unanimous vote.

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The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Brian Proffitt, second from Steve A. Sutton and a unanimous vote.

A. Jan Thomas, Jr.

Rev. Jeffrey Richardson

Date