

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Deaf met for their monthly meeting on May 15, 2018.

Present: Faith McLaughlin, Chairperson; Susan Pack, Vice Chairperson; Everett Elam, Secretary; Dr. John McAllister, (Vacant), ASB Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest residents

18-D-005 Motion to Approve Consent Items

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the consent items to include the minutes, financial statement and personnel items. Mr. Elam made a motion to approve the consent items and Dr. McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

18-D-005 Motion to Approve Application for Part B Funds

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve Application for Part B Funds for the Provision of Special Education and Related Services for the school year 2018-2019. Ms. Pack made a motion to approve the Application for Part B Funds and Dr. McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

None

Superintendent Report

Dr. Dickinson said ASD hired a Dietary Services Director, Anna Acre, and she is here tonight. She said there are many things going on at ASD. ASD held their Retirees' Brunch with 38 former staff members attending. She said several staff members attended the CEASD Conference in Florida. Each year CEASD awards a school a grant and ASD was the recipient this year. She said they had free physicals this month. She said Vicki Crump, Health Services Supervisor, and Kathey Haynie, School Nurse, have been accepted into the first Arkansas Children's Hospital School Nurse Residency Program. It is a week long experience for school nurses to be a part of the ACH network. Ms. Crump said there are almost 800 school nurses in Arkansas and there were 45 slots for the program. Ms. Crump said they would get to work in their simulation lab. She said it would benefit the students next year.

Dr. Dickinson said both ASD and ASB went to ANCRC grant application process. At the end of the process they submitted paperwork. She said there were many organizations represented. She said they each had 5 minutes to try to convince the board why they should give thousands of dollars to the schools. James went first and then she followed. When the presentation was over you sit and watch the other organizations' presentations. You sit and watch the board as they discuss who they plan to give the money to. Dr. Dickinson said ASD asked for 2 elevators for Parnell Hall and new plaster/walls for the auditorium. ASD received almost everything they asked for (\$800,011). ASD has to pay \$16,000 from their budget. She said the challenge is that Middle School is in Parnell Hall and they can't stay during construction. They are trying to figure out where to move MS.

Dr. Dickinson said she hoped the board would join them for graduation at 6:00 Thursday night.

She said to celebrate the end of the school year they had gifts for the board – Arkansas strawberries.

There being no further business for the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the agenda moved to the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Faith McLaughlin, Chair

Everett Elam, Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met for their monthly meeting on May 15, 2018.

Present: Faith McLaughlin, Chairperson; Susan Pack, Vice Chairperson; Everett Elam, Secretary; Dr. John McAllister, Board Member; Vacant, ASBVI Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith and Belle McGhee, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community; Hillcrest Residents

18-B-005 Motion to Approve Consent Items

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the consent items to include the minutes, financial statement and personnel items. Dr. McAllister made a motion to approve the consent items and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caton said one of the new hires, Cody Arnold is the Kindergarten teacher, and has been a great asset for ASB. He said he was pleased to announce Breonda Hodges has been hired as the Business/HR Manager. He said Breonda has been in the Business Office for the past 20 years and brings a wealth of experience to her new position and is quickly learning her new responsibilities. He said it has been a mixed month with losing Susan Olson and we are keeping her family in our prayers as well as ASB students and staff. Ms. Doan said Susan was such a beloved teacher that with her family and staff, over \$1500 has been raised for a Susan Olson Memorial Scholarship. Susan taught 18 years at ASB. Mr. Elam said the slide show presented at the memorial was really stellar. He said it was personal and very well done. Ms. Doan said her parents came last week and the students/staff presented them with letters and cards.

Action Items

18-B-006 Motion to Approve Application for Part B Funds

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve Application for Part B Funds for the Provision of Special Education and Related Services for School Year 2018-2019. Dr. McAllister made a motion to approve the Application for Part B Funds and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Caton said as Janet talked about in her report the ANCRC grant. He said ASB asked for \$395,023 for the final phase of the Infirmary renovation. He said the first phase was almost complete. He said ASB was granted \$395,000. He said he was very pleased to get the funding.

Mr. Caton invited the board members to graduation on Friday at 10:00 am.

He said the water line project at the former Easter Seal's property had been completed. The next thing to be done is putting up the post and cable type fencing around the property to keep vehicle traffic off the property. He said the property was getting a good stand of grass in spite of the rocky soil and the deer really love it. It has been a long process for the board and the school to deal with over the years.

Mr. Caton presented a yearbook to the board members. Ms. McLaughlin said the color was remarkable. Mr. Caton said the students were very involved in putting the book together this year.

Ms. McLaughlin said before the meeting adjourns, she wanted to call a brief Executive Session to clarify some personnel issues. (4:40 – 4:50)

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 4:55.

Faith McLaughlin, Chair

Everett Elam, Secretary

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met for their monthly meeting on May 15, 2018.

Present: Faith McLaughlin, Chairperson; Susan Pack, Vice-Chairperson; Everett Elam, Secretary; Dr. John McAllister, Board Member; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent;(Vacant), ASB Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; Beth Smith and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest Residents

Ms. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19th at ASD.

18-J-008 Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Elam made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items
None

Discussion Items

Harry Pompeo – ASD Parent Representative

Mr. Pompeo said ASD had their spring carnival with approximately 1,000 people attending. He thanked ASB for bringing students to the carnival.

Lower school boys went fishing in a local pond. They caught some fish and all seemed to enjoy. High school went to an outdoor movie. They enjoyed the different scenery. They also went to Hot Springs Gulpha George State Park where they had a BBQ dinner, toured the bath houses and learned history about the city. The dorm staff hosted a Cinco de Mayo dinner for students. The Honor Roll assembly was held April 19th. The Middle school had a dance with a Hollywood theme, including a red carpet. Seniors went on their senior trip to Dollywood and Gatlinburg. Lower school had a field trip to the zoo on May 9th.

Track and Field is finished for the year – ASD had 4th place, 5th place, 7th place, 8th place, 12th place and 21st place (boys & girls). There was a meeting about football for next year and there is 13-14 boys expecting to play. ASD held their sports banquet May 10th and many awards were handed out. Prom was held May 3rd. Prom King and Queen were Shaq'ke Robinson and Alex Gothic.

ASB Parent Rep (Vacant)

Ms. Doan said it has been very busy at school. Twenty students participated in Special Olympics at UALR. They came back with a lot of medals (gold & silver). ASB's sports banquet is May 18th.

The GT program has been very busy with a service project, collecting shoes for the Ozark Water Project. Ozark Water Project sells the shoes that are collected then uses the money for fresh water for Haiti. This was an idea by two of our third graders. They collected 343 pairs of shoes for the project. AT and EAST students were assigned to write about their visual impairments, how their eyes have been affected, and what modifications/ accommodations they need. She said they ordered cow eyeballs that the students were able to dissect. Four EAST students spent the day at Ringgold Elementary School in Benton. They held a presentation in PE classes entitled, *Walk a Day in My Shoe*, which teaches other kids about kids with visual impairments and spreads the message that blind kids can do just about anything a sighted kid can do. Another EAST student is teaching braille to the residents of Briarwood Nursing Home. The whole concept of EAST is that is student-driven learning. These are student led projects, not teachers. Students have to come up with their own ideas and figure out on their own how to accomplish – much like a business plan. Secondary Learning Center students attended a Career Exploration Day with DSB at the Little Rock Zoo. The zoo interpreter provided hands-on materials to feel and addressed the students' questions on a variety of levels. DSB counselors, LaTasha and Brent, coordinated the event. Ms. Doan said everyone is very pleased with the yearbook this year. EAST students are making an "Earbook" for the totally blind students. School Lunch Hero Day was celebrated – teachers and staff cooked and served the Child Nutrition staff. Also celebrated were Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse Appreciation Day. High School graduation is May 18th at 10:00 and Kindergarten graduation is next Wednesday at 9th.

Ms. McLaughlin said she really loves hearing what is going on at both schools.

There being no further business of Joint nature, the agenda moved to the Arkansas School for the Deaf agenda.

Faith McLaughlin, Chair

Everett Elam, Secretary