

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

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Arkansas School for the Deaf met for their monthly meeting December 14, 2021.

**Present:** Dr. John McAllister, Chair; Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Vice-Chair; Faith McLaughlin, Secretary; Susan Pack, Board Member; Rob Fagan, Board Member; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Holley Mott, ASD Parent Representative; Dr. Priya Gupta, ASB Parent Representative; Jaime Bilancione, Will Goram, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community

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Dr. John McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:04. The next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2021 at the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Arkansas School for the Deaf students performed.

### **Joint Agenda**

#### **21-J-023 Motion to Approve Joint November, 2021 Minutes**

Mrs. McLaughlin moved to approve, Dr. Atcherson seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Action Items – Mask Mandate Review**

There was much discussion on the mask mandate – what different districts are doing; clear masks for ASD; FDA approvals; students/staff vaccination numbers; Stop Light System (for masks).

#### **21-J-024 Motion to Extend Mask Requirement Until January Meeting**

Mrs. Pack moved to approve; Dr. Atcherson seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Discussion Items - None**

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

## ASBVI Agenda

### 21-B-024 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Personnel Items)

Dr. Atcherson moved to approve, Mrs. McLaughlin seconded. Motion passed.

#### Action Items – None

#### Discussion Items – ASBVI Acuties

RN Vicki Crump reported the ASBVI acuties:

Level 1 – 2

Level 2 – 45

Level 3 – 22

Level 4 – 18

Level 5 – 0

#### Superintendent Report

Provided Thanksgiving food boxes for 8 families

Working toward annual Braille Challenge

Secondary preparing for semester tests

Friends of ASB parent/staff support going well

Trying to find sponsors to buy enough year books that every student will have one

Purchasing two digital cameras

Infirmary added defibrillators in the Infirmary, Gym and Main Building

Consul of Mexico visited campus to donate an audio book and braille book

Bones Motorcycle Club donated \$1,000 to the Special Needs Fund

High school students recognized for demonstrating high growth on the ACT Aspire

Implemented new pay grid for grades 1 – 5

Career Service Recognition by ADE for employees

He and Janet submitted a draft plan for campus building renovations/replacement to Secretary Key

Local spelling bee held

Annual science fair held

Christmas concert will be 12/16 at 6:00 in Woolly Auditorium

21 participated in recent COVID Vaccine Clinic

Still have 2 nurse vacancies

Winter Break December 20 – January 3

Recognized Dr. McAllister for his term on the board

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

## ASD Agenda

### 21-D-021 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Personnel Items)

Mrs. Pack moved to approve, Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed.

#### Action Items – None

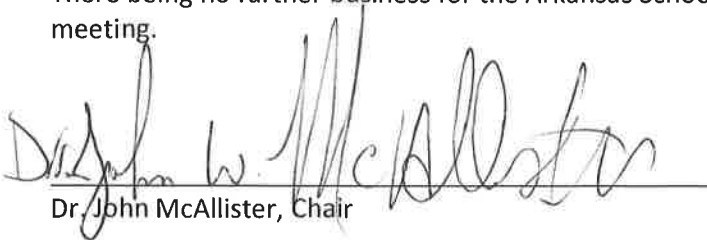
#### Discussion Items – None

#### Superintendent Report

Delivered cinnamon rolls to Governor's Office and other agencies  
Implemented the new pay grid for grades 1 – 5  
ADE Career Service Awards for years of service  
Completed more STAY interviews  
Middle School's Walking Tacos Challenge  
Issues on Campus: 1) Coyotes 2) Homeless people  
Partnering with Baptist Health to improve services to deaf patients  
ASD Staff Christmas Party held  
Statewide Services is highly effective  
Lower School reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
Students went to Alabama to learn coding  
ASD Cheer team placed second in Louisiana cheer competition  
Middle and High school studying leaves  
Christmas Program Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thanked Dr. McAllister for his service on the board

Mrs. McLaughlin stated she would return until a replacement is found.

There being no further business for the Arkansas School for the Deaf, Dr. McAllister adjourned the meeting.

  
Dr. John McAllister, Chair

  
Faith McLaughlin, Secretary

