

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE
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 September 20, 2016.

Present: Mary Weeks, Chairperson; Dr. Doug Watson, Vice Chairperson; Faith McLaughlin, Secretary; Susan Pack, Board Member; Everett Elam, Board Member; 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

Ms. Weeks called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. She stated the next meeting would be October 18, 2016.

16-J-011 Motion to Approve Minutes

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

Action Items
Approval of Assurances for ASB and ASD

Mr. Caton stated he had two sets, one is related to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, ACSIP funds which the school does not receive but he wanted to make the Board aware of it. He said the other set of Assurances are related to the Standards and that we are complying with all the laws that the State requires and that does require the Board President's signature as well as the Superintendent's.

16-J-012 Motion to Approve Assurances for ASB and ASD

Ms. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Assurances for ASB and ASD; Ms. Pack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 -0.

Discussion Items

Ms. Weeks said there were two discussion items on the agenda that would be very brief but before that she wanted to visit the Entergy Project with both schools to see where things stand. She said she knew Mindy wasn't present. She said she had talked to James briefly about it.

Ms. Weeks said you and Mindy will be facing this together. Mr. Krenn said they would be working together. He said he thought they had a good enough argument to request the additional funds for this. He said they just have to make the presentation to the Budget Office. He said the Governor relies on them to help make those decisions. Ms. Weeks asked when it would take place. Mr. Krenn said the Governor is currently working on the appropriation decisions and possibly some of the funding decisions. He said he thought they would have hearings November 15th for budget requests that have currently been made. He said October 1st they would have additional requests due to the Budget Office for capital projects, buildings, major maintenance, etc. The Governor will make his decisions and then present to the Legislature. He said they wouldn't know the funding until the Governor proposes his balanced budget and it is usually toward the end of the session which would probably be March or early April. Ms. Weeks said the beginning of this can't even start until next year. Mr. Caton said the next step after the affidavits are in place for both school then it will go before the Public Service Commission. Dr. Watson said if we are turned down then we have to search for money we have on hand to cover. Mr. Krenn said yes they would have to go to the current budget and look for areas to cut costs. Dr. Watson asked what politics were involved if it is turned down. Mr. Krenn said it wouldn't hurt for the board members to speak with the Governor or some of the legislature. He said the Legislature could change the RSA but it is very rare that they do. Ms. Pack said your feeling is that it would not start unless there was a feeling that we were going to be funded. Mr. Krenn said his feeling was they would be more prone to get the money. He said he felt they have a good argument for it. Dr. Watson asked if there was anyway energy could be preserved or cut back on reasonably. Mr. Krenn said he was going to meet with Ann Laidlaw soon and see about an energy study on ways or things we could fix to conserve some energy. He said the buildings were old and it is hard sometimes to conserve the energy because of that. Ms. Pack said one time when money was really short and sort of the same situation they put together a quality management team and came up with some suggestions/ideas. She said one of the things they did was to turn back the hot water heaters two degrees and it made a huge amount of difference. She said there were a lot of things like that discovered that could be done to save. Mr. Krenn said he knew there was a Bill passed several years ago that all state buildings are supposed to be x% energy efficient. He said some of the other state agencies i.e. State Police had the same thing done and it was determined that a new roof and AC unit would conserve. Ms. Weeks thanked Michael and said it was a lot of work and the board appreciated it from both schools. Mr. Hill said in the initial talk with Entergy they indicated that as long as the AG's Office, the state and the schools approved they did not see any political issues that would keep it from happening. He said it was a big move but in his opinion it was a necessary move. He said it was like an insurance policy because it was making energy available in a shorter length of time if there is an outage and they will put the schools on top priority. He said he thought it was a good deal and really needs to be done for ASB.

Ms. Coleman said she would suggest that in the way you design the bid you ask that question. She said a bid to include demolition of building to ground and one to include the parking lot in the demolition. Ms. Weeks asked Ms. Coleman about a slab that needs to be left. Ms. Coleman said there is a slab right next to the water line that Central Water wants to have left because they are afraid if they dig that footing up they will tear the line out that feeds all downtown Little Rock. She said the 30 inch line is right against the footing.

Ms. Weeks said she put the Bike Trail on the agenda also. She said she wanted to touch base and see if a committee had been formed at ASD to see what they might like. Dr. Dickinson said yes. She said a community committee has been established and are getting feedback. She said feedback from the staff has also been added. She said the committee will be meeting on a regular basis and will be doing a presentation at the October meeting. Ms. Weeks said they were hoping it would be one person speaking for the group. Ms. Weeks asked Mr. Hill if he had told Roy that also. Mr. Hill said James had asked him to set up a committee. He said they had a community report from Jo Ann. He said they had a staff and an alumni committee to get feedback. He said they would have a report in October.

ASD Parent Representative – Harry Pompeo

Mr. Pompeo said he would start with the principal's report for high school and middle school. He said on Friday ASD had the first International Dot Day and we also had our first pep rally for the football and volleyball games. He said the cheerleaders did a fantastic job. He said this week they were focusing on the International Week of the Deaf. He said the schedule for this week on Monday was the kickoff and they had an ASL story time, on Tuesday they had deaf party and that was some fun games, tomorrow will be introduction of some famous deaf people, Thursday will be a presentation by Dr. Glen Anderson and on Friday the students and staff will wear black shirts. He said October 11th there will be a college fair at ASU Beebe, October 10 -14 is Homecoming week, October 15th is Homecoming Day. He said they will face Oklahoma School for the Deaf in football. He said next was the sports report from Ernest Northrup. He said the JV volleyball team is struggling a little (0-10). He said the Varsity team has 10 wins 6 losses. He said the JV football team is 0-2 and the Varsity team has 2 wins and 1 loss. He said that was all he had to report.

ASB Parent Representative – Jeanne Tribett

Ms. Tribett said ASB is continuing to focus on "STEM" types of activities within all grades. She said Smart Boards are in a majority of the classrooms and are used on a regular basis to further promote interactive and student-guided learning.



QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Board for the Arkansas School for the Blind Foundation, GRANTOR, a not for profit corporation, for good and valuable consideration in hand paid by Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf, GRANTEES, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, convey and quitclaim unto the said Grantees, and unto their heirs and assign forever, all of its right, title, interest, equity, and estate, if any in, and to the following real property located in the County of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section Four (4), Township One (1) North, Range Twelve (12) West; thence along the North line of said Section Four (4) for a distance of 900 feet ; thence South for a distance of 500 feet, thence West 900 feet to the West line of said Section Four (4); thence North along the West line of said Section Four (4) for a distance of 500 feet to the point of beginning.

To have and to hold the same unto their said Grantees, and unto its successors and assigns forever, with all tenements, appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging.

WITNESS our hands this 7th day of July, 2016.

The Board for the Arkansas
School for the Blind Foundation

By: Douglas Watson
Douglass Watson
Chair, Board for the Arkansas
School for the Blind Foundation



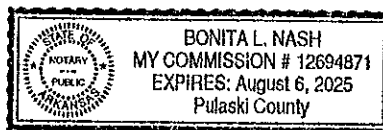
CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PULASKI)

On this 7th day of July, 2016, before me, Douglass Watson, personally appeared, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument for the purposes stated herein.

In the witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Bonita L. Nash
Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

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