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 Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met for their monthly meeting on June 20, 2017.

Present: Dr. Doug Watson, Chairperson; Faith McLaughlin, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Secretary; Everett Elam, Board Member; Dr. John McAllister, Board Member; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Jeanne Tribett, ASB Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; Beth Smith, Will Gorum Eddie Schmechenbecher, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest residents

Dr. Watson called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. He said the next meeting is scheduled for July 18th at ASB. Mr. Pompeo stated he could not be there on the 18th or 25th. The board discussed different dates and decided to meet July 11th.

17-J-008 Motion to Approve Minutes

Dr. Watson asked for a motion to approve the Joint minutes from the May meeting. Ms. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Joint May minutes and Dr. McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items None

Discussion Items

Update on Easter Seal Demolition

Mr. Caton stated the building is gone and we now have a lot with the hydro-mulching on it. He said they were looking at closing off the area to vehicle access. They were considering the concrete blocks used on the highways. Dr. Watson asked if there were home entrances past the fence. Mr. Caton said yes and currently the fence has a padlock on it. He said there were two homes beyond the fence that have back gates. Dr. Watson asked if the road was going to be left open until a later time. Mr. Caton said the road was going to remain and the fence belongs to the contractor and will be removed. He said any blocking off would have to be along the perimeter of the road up to the back gate of Dr. Carter's gate. The concrete blocks are cost prohibited for the feet that needed. He said some of the estimates were over \$6,000. He said they thought about some type of open fence with the steel cables stretched between them but have not priced that yet.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 1 June 20, 2017 Mr. Caton said they were trying to look at different options on how it could be done affordably. Dr. Watson asked if there were staff between the two maintenance staffs, people that could make the barrier. Mr. Caton said they could talk to the maintenance staff about what could possibly be done. Dr. Watson said he would like to see a fence embedded in concrete – block it off totally. He asked about a fence like ASD has around their property. Mr. Caton said he thought that would be another expensive option. Ms. Pack asked if there were any chance he could talk to the DOT. Mr. Caton said that is what they were looking into and that was quoting seconds, not brand new sections. Ms. McLaughlin asked where it would start. Mr. Caton said you would have to start where the road starts. Ms. Pack asked if there was any chance the Department of Correction could do something. Mr. Caton said it was an option they could look into. He said they would continue to study other options. It is important that it be blocked off to vehicles. Dr. Watson asked if there was any money left over. Ms. Bonifas said there was but there was still a water project that had to be dealt with. She stated that a problem with the concrete blocks was graffiti. Mr. Caton said they were excited to see the building gone and hopefully plant some seedlings. Mr. Elam said it would be a good idea to ask the EAST program to do something - they do gardens. Dr. Watson asked if there would be the ability to connect with the water line and put in a watering line across the entire lot. Ms. Bonifas said you could but she needed to know up front what the board is wanting before that project is started because initially based upon what we told them the Water Department asked that it be brought to the street. She said to let her know if they wanted to do something different and she would price that. Dr. Watson said he and Ms. Coleman were going to be looking for funding to make the lot green again.

Dr. Watson said they needed to be working on how to get funding to repurpose the property to benefit student educational programming. If anyone has any ideas, contact Doug, James or Janet. Both schools can use that land – it belongs to both. Ms. McLaughlin said if they did think in terms of a garden, one thing to be considered would be the security.

Revisit Marketing of the Arkansas River Property

Dr. Watson said he had talked to Janet and James briefly about it but would like to look closely at how they wanted to deal with that property. He said the 10 years he had been on the board they had to live to tear down a mistake the previous board made letting people take possession of the school's land and build on it in a way that it only benefitted their purposes. He said they actually tried to sell the land out from under the school at the end of the 50 years. He said their challenge now for the Riverfront land is to decide if there are some way that we could visualize allowing someone to lease or buy it from us with the condition that it benefits the school and children. He asked where they stood and if there were any high dollar offers. He said he felt they needed to bring a real estate person to work for the school.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 2 June 20, 2017 Ms. Pack said you are talking about the Riverfront property. Ms. McLaughlin said yes. Ms. Pack said is it not just the School for the Deaf's property, it is not both schools. Dr. Watson said it belonged to both, all the land here belongs to both. Ms. Pack said no. Dr. Watson said to show him legal papers that say different. Mr. Krenn said the property is actually sitting on ASD's books. He said he would have to go pull the original deeds when the property was purchased if they still have them in the archives. He said right now where they stood on the property is that it is being advertised in the paper for bids. They will not have the opening of the bids until July 6th. Right now they do not have any bids. ABA runs it for four weekends in the paper and online. He said they would not have any information on any dollar amounts until the bids come in. Once they open the bids they will give ASD the bids that came in and would be brought before the board. He said it might have to wait until the following board meeting in August to make sure all the amounts come in correctly. He said as far as getting a real estate agent, ABA is the real estate agent. Everything sold has to go through ABA so it would waste money to get a real estate agent to sell the property. Dr. Watson said he was talking about a commercial real estate person, someone that knows the value of commercial property. Mr. Krenn said the appraisal they received was from a commercial real estate appraiser. ABA gave them recommendations of multiple commercial real estate agents. Dr. Watson asked what they say the value of the property is. Mr. Krenn said he presented that several months back and was around \$60,000. He said the problem is going to be the cost of the other opinions. No one is going to give an opinion without being paid. Dr. Watson said that was better than giving it away. Mr. Krenn said they were already in the phase and you will get an idea once the bids come in. Dr. Dickerson said just because the board approved that ASD go ahead with the bid process does not mean the property has to be sold. She said they would bring it back to the board and it would be the board's decision. You make the decision not to sell the land or to lease it or leave as is. Dr. Watson said he did not feel the board has done fair due diligence in finding out the commercial value of the land. Mr. Krenn said if they decide to keep the land you need to look at erosion. He said right now the person that is leasing it has brought in stuff to keep it from eroding away. If the lease is cancelled with them and tell them to move everything off the property, we would have to make sure the property doesn't wash away which is part of what has happened to a lot of the property several years back. Mr. Krenn said the one gentleman that came and spoke about buying or leasing the property - they would have to put in a lot of money into the property. Ms. McLaughlin said overtime this is basically going to erode. Mr. Krenn said overtime you won't have anything left. Ms. Pack said it was six acres at one time. Ms. McLaughlin said that was something to think about. Mr. Krenn said he would have numbers from ABA after the bid openings.

Dr. Watson said to clarify his understanding all the property here belongs to the two schools together. If there is proof otherwise he would like to see legal proof. Ms. Pack said she always understood that it belonged just to the School for the Deaf.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 3 June 20, 2017 Ms. Pack said it was something that needed to be clarified but that is the way it was. Dr. Watson said it was true up to 1930 when they moved the blind school here. Ms. Pack said she did not think so. Dr. Watson said they kept the 60/40 ratio in terms of funding because of the student body population. Ms. Pack asked Mr. Hill if it was ever his opinion that the land was School for the Blind land. Mr. Hill said not the land on the river but the land over here was deeded to the School for the Blind. He said he thought if you are going to say the School for the Deaf has half of that land then it would be appropriate. He said that land (10 acres) was deeded to the School for the Blind. Ms. McLaughlin said they would get clarification on that.

ASB Parent Representative – Jeannie Tribett

Ms. Tribett said there was not much going on. Graduation was a success. ASB held a Kindergarten graduation, Middle School graduation and of course senior graduation. The end of the year was wrapped up successfully. ASB has upwards of 42 children on campus for Summer Camp; 20 students enrolled in Jump Start; 2 Orientation and Mobility Interns from Stephen F. Austin University and UALR O&M students. The EAST program is being set up – furniture has been delivered and the power is being installed. Ms. Lori Cole travelled to Utah to represent ASBVI for a national accessibilities committee. The leadership team is beginning to finalize plans for the upcoming school year.

ASD Parent Representative - Harry Pompeo

Mr. Pompeo said they had the high school and middle school attended a fishing trip to Karen Bryant's. The elementary and lower school has a special awards ceremony at the end of school. 5th and 8th grade promotion. ASD students with good behavior went to CiCi's Pizza on May 24th. May 17th was senior awards, yearbook dedication and a movie. Students enjoyed a drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream, on May 12th in Parnell Hall. ASD had many celebrations in May. The biggest was senior graduation. Amelia Hensley was the keynote speaker.

Athletic news: Track & Field team had a lot of meets. 32 deaf schools attended a tournament in Austin, Texas. Mr. Pompeo said he was proud to announce the Coach of the Year was selected and Julie Tobin won. He said this was their first female coach of the year in history. Julie will fly to Wisconsin this evening.

Mr. Pompeo said the next two weeks Summer School will be in session and there are about 72 students enrolled. Dr. Watson asked if they were all ASD students. Mr. Pompeo said not all of them. Ray said there are about 75 students – about 25 ASD students plus their siblings and 12 non ASD students. Mr. Pompeo said his four children were attending.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 4 June 20, 2017 Dr. Watson said before going to the next item on the agenda, he wanted to invite the outgoing superintendent Jim Hill to speak. Mr. Hill said he wanted to tell the board that during the last year it had been a pleasure working with James and his staff. He said as Janet and James both know a new superintendent has to be mentored for a year. He said he was serving as AAEA mentor as well as mentor for the board. He said he and James had spent many hours discussing decisions and exploring options for the school. He said throughout the process James has developed a well-balanced approach to a variety of problems that you would run into as superintendent. He said he had sent the board his account of his evaluation of James. He said he wanted to add that James had really matured. He has taken on the persona of superintendent. Mr. Hill said he thinks the administration staff and teachers were aware of that as well. He said James has a very strong support in the Business Office, Personnel and he has learned a tremendous amount of information about budgeting and the process of budgeting. He stated James was very instrumental in working with legislators to make changes and improvements to the budget that was presented to him. He has opened up an avenue of conversation with DFA, legislators and the Governor's Office. In addition, he has a strong individual in the education program and she is helping him develop an administrative staff for the instructional program. Mr. Hill said the education program is in good hands. James has exhibited his ability to analyze and evaluate the facilities and determine the needs of the school, talking to the right people to get the support for what he wants to do. James has developed a good plan for what he plans to do to upgrade the facilities at the school and has sound backing from DFA and other important people that will be involved in making this happen. James has exhibited that he is on track making plans to improve the buildings and making sure his staff and maintenance team attend to the needs of the school. He also has a great approach to working with people - he listens patiently and takes in all information. He has the ability to go above and beyond to see things other people do not see and make decisions so the school is moving in the right direction. Mr. Hill said it makes him feel good to leave the school in the hands of Mr. Caton and the administrative staff.

Mr. Caton said it had been a lot of hard work and he appreciates Mr. Hill's help, not only this past year, as they have worked together for many years. He said he told Mr. Hill he watched him a lot of times and observed how he did things and has learned from that over the years. He said when he stepped into this role there were a lot of things he already had a good understanding of but the past year has been an additional learning experience. Mr. Caton said he really appreciated having the insight of a very experienced and seasoned superintendent that has taught him a lot.

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

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Susan Pack, 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 June 20, 2017.

Present: Dr. Doug Watson, Chairperson; Faith McLaughlin, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Secretary; Everett Elam, Board Member; Dr. John McAllister, Board Member; Jeanne Tribett, ASBVI Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith, Will Gorum and Eddie Schmeckenbecher, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community

17-B-012 Motion to Approve Consent Items

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

Action Items

Legislative Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2016

Mr. Caton stated this item concerns ASB's audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The auditors asked that the board minutes reflect the board has received a report showing what the audit status shows. He stated for this past audit there were no reportable items for noncompliance. ASB had a very good audit and he appreciates Mindy and her team for their help on the audit. Ms. Bonifas said they were asking that the board make a motion that you have reviewed the audit. The board reviewed the information. Mr. Caton said ASB has made a lot of improvements in the inventory and assets - getting things off the books that needed to be removed. He said basically what this report tells you is there were no findings.

17-B-013 Motion to Approve Legislative Audit

Ms. Pack made a motion that the Board had reviewed and approves the Legislative Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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Discussion Items

Update on the Expenditure of 1.5 Million Dollars

Mr. Caton said he was going to have Mindy give an update on where ASB is with the 1.5 million dollars received from the Governor. Ms. Bonifas said the roofing was costly and there are a lot of roofing projects going on. The work has begun on the Fine Arts Building/Woolly Auditorium and should be completed in July. She said they had received their review comments from ABA on the Administration Building and should be able to set a bid date soon. She said they had received the bid on Prewitt Hall bathrooms renovation and it was lower than expected and they will be moving forward on that project. She said in addition to the 1.5 million they also have the ANCR grant that and will be starting to work on the Infirmary roof, HVAC and electrical. She said basically all new roofing on the facilities, Prewitt Hall bathrooms and the grant which is separate. Mr. Caton said they started the Woolly Auditorium roof this week. Mr. Elam asked if it was all the bathrooms. Ms. Bonifas said all the student bathrooms and there will be an ADA compliant bathroom. Mr. Caton said it included replacing the metal door frames between the shared bathrooms which will be great because so many of them were rusted out. He said it will have new floors and new shelving. Mr. Caton said a lot of roofing projects are taking the bulk of the 1.5 million. It takes time to get it underway and started. Ms. Bonifas said the Admin Building would be the big ticket item estimated at \$420,000. Dr. Watson asked what the timeframe for the funding and the completion for the projects. Ms. Bonifas said this money was re-appropriated so we have all of next fiscal year. Mr. Krenn said they are typically good for two years. Ms. Bonifas said we do not have the June 30 deadline because of the re-appropriation. Mr. Krenn said ASD has the same issue. The bid was awarded in February and we have been waiting for materials, the contractor, ABA and the architect. It is great that they put the money in the general improvement funds because we do not have to physically meet the June 30th deadline or we would have to give back all this money if projects could not be completed. Ms. Bonifas said she submitted the Administration Building a few months ago to the Building Authority and just now received the comments back. She said this time of year they have a ton of projects. Mr. Caton said it is a long process to get a project underway. Mr. Caton said not all of the roofing projects will be as involved as the Woolly Auditorium and the main building. He said they were looking at two years to complete all of it. Dr. Watson asked if more funds could be expected. Mr. Krenn said that would be up to the Governor's Office. Dr. Watson asked if they were asking for additional funds. The answer was yes. Ms. Bonifas said there will be a new pot of money starting next year or new appropriation. The new fiscal year starts July 1st.

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Update on Performance Ratings

Mr. Caton said ASB's Accreditation Report showed no exceptions for the 2016-17 academic year other than what is always on the report in terms of anyone that is on an ALP and working on their vision certification. Those people show up on the report and we present the waiver that shows that person is working on an ALP. Dr. Watson asked what ALP stood for. Mr. Caton said Alternative Learning Licensure program. He said teachers typically come to ASB certified in their content areas but are not typically certified in vision and that is why they have to be put on the ALP program and have 3 years to earn their vision certification. Mr. Elam asked if the ADE paid for that and Mr. Caton said it is reimbursable tuition. You never know from year to year if it will be a reimbursable program depending on funding. Dr. Watson asked if it was regular graduate courses. Mr. Caton said graduate level courses and currently we are using Stephen F. Austin University. The program is online but the advisors come to the school several times a year to check on the candidates and their progress. He said they are very supportive to the teachers in the program. They meet in specific sessions as a live class and do a lot of course work together. Mr. Elam asked if the staff were allowed to use the Distance Learning facility after hours if needed to complete their certification. Mr. Caton said if necessary and we have done that in the past. Dr. Watson asked what number of staff is currently on an ALP. Mr. Caton said currently we have 2 that are about to finish and 2 that are about to start. He said ASB has a couple of teachers that came in on the Non-Traditional program path which is one of the pathways to licensure that Arkansas offers. There are about 13 different pathways you can take to become a licensed teacher in Arkansas. For teachers that go the non-traditional route they do not start their vision program until that 2 year program is completed. He said there are two teachers that are about to do that because they finished their 2 year non-traditional program. Any new teachers that are hired this summer will be placed on an ALP and will start their vision certification. Dr. Watson asked if there was a time limit. Mr. Caton answered 3 years although the vast majority complete in 2 years. Dr. Watson asked if it was a part of their annual performance evaluation. Mr. Caton said yes and it is reviewed each year by the ADE because waivers and ALP's have to be submitted annually and show the progress the person has made in their cousework. They are only good for one year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Caton said he would highlight a few things. He said the main thing going on beside the improvements are the summer programs and they are ending this Friday. Summer Camp and Jump Start have been going very well. There are a great group of kids in both programs. Jump Start had 19 students made up of students from ASBVI and public schools. Most of them were from public schools. Only 3 or 4 were from ASBVI. The Summer Camp program had 42 kids and probably more than half were public school kids from across the state.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 3 June 20, 2017 Mr. Caton said ASB has a lot of Interns on campus for the Orientation & Mobility programs. ASB has 8 first year interns from UALR and 7 second year interns. Some are staying on campus and others off campus. There are two additional interns from Stephen F Austin and are second year students. He said the interns are from all over the US, the furthest being Puerto Rico and Guam.

He said the EAST program is getting underway and are very excited about it. The electricity has been upgraded and some of the network capabilities in that room and getting ready to upgrade the lighting. He said they are just waiting for all the cool technology to arrive on campus. Dr. Watson asked if the faculty were already trained. Mr. Caton said there is an extensive training that the EAST program offers for the staff that will be involved. They will be attending trainings later this summer as well as throughout the school year. He said a lot of the training is how to teach the kids to utilize it because it is a program that puts strong emphasis on the students actually doing the work. The teacher is more of a facilitator.

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

Dr. Doug Watson, Chair

Susan Pack, Secretary

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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 June 20, 2017.

Present: Dr. Doug Watson, Chairperson; Faith McLaughlin, Vice Chairperson; Susan Pack, Secretary; Everett Elam, Board Member; Dr. John McAllister, Board Member; Jeanne Tribett, ASB Parent Representative; Harry Pompeo, ASD Parent Representative; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Beth Smith, Will Gorum and Eddie Schmeckenbecher, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community, Hillcrest residents

17-D-010 Motion to Approve Consent Items

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

Action Items

Reconfirm Board Approval of ADE Special Education Part B Funds

Dr. Dickinson said they needed to ask the board to reconfirm the ADE Special Ed Part B Funds. She said they brought this to the board earlier and it was signed but was not in the minutes. She asked Michael to explain what they needed the board to do. Mr. Krenn said the Blind School had it last month. He said he reviewed the minutes from the April meeting and it was not in there and we need it to be recorded in the minutes.

17-D-011 Motion to Approve the ADE Special Education Part B Funds

Ms. Pack made a motion to approve the Part B Funding Application and Mr. Elam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Discussion Items

Update on 1.5 million dollars Expenditures

Dr. Dickinson said she thought they had discussed earlier. Dr. Watson asked what the priority was for the 1.5 million dollars and what is left that cannot be done because there is not enough money.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 1 June 20, 2017 Mr. Krenn said they were trying to complete 2 sets of roofs. He said most of the roofs on the campus need to be replaced and we won't be able to replace every single one. The other item is for the safety of the students so they are installing a key card system on all the doors. He said the other items that are being looked at are the IT Infrastructure - all communication devices are old and they are working with DIS to upgrade the outside infrastructure plus upgrade the interior infrastructure so when the power goes out it doesn't fry the internet system. The power went out twice today and we could have possibly burnt out a couple of switches. He said all the surges and storms coming through have recently hit the school hard. They went almost two days without internet. He said each building is wired one after another so if this building goes out half the campus might go out. They are working to get it where it would not affect any other building. He said they were estimating about \$150,000 to get the infrastructure done. Once that is done it will tie into the other item which is the security camera system. After that we may have about \$300,000 to see what can be done next. Dr. Watson asked if the improvement project included the swimming pool. He said he hears a lot of complaints from students and other people. Dr. Dickinson said they had submitted that to the Governor with their life and safety issues and that it was not considered a safety issue so we will have to address it later. Dr. Watson said so you are not earmarking money for the pool. Dr. Dickinson said not now. Ty said they presented figures to the Governor - the pool needs about \$40,000 worth of repair work but there is no need doing that because they have a couple of roof top units to supply which is another \$200,000 and there is no need doing that because there is another \$300,000 worth of roof that needs to be replaced. He said it was a downfall and for now they keep those doors locked. They cannot drain the pool. Dr. Watson asked if they could get a contract with War Memorial and use them. Dr. Dickinson said yes. She said the summer camp kids are going almost every day to different swimming areas.

Update on Performance Ratings for 2016/17

Dr. Dickinson said they should have already received a letter from her related to that. She said ASD received two citations: one was related to the scheduling of certified teachers (PE Class) and the other one was they did not code something correctly in AASIS. She said she met with seven leaders at ADE for the last few days. She said they resolved both of the issues. Her letter talks about the challenges they had and that so many deaf schools have. The Deaf School has a hard time with someone coming in without the deafness background. The licensure laws are much more complicated in Arkansas. She said one resolution that ADE recommended was to apply for a K-12 Act 1240 Waiver. She said she was not sure if that is the best decision and the ADE is not sure we would qualify for that. The ADE is doing research on it now to see if we would qualify. If the school does qualify it would mean if you teach elementary English, Science, Social Studies, ASL, Math, Music, Art, Deaf Plus classes the licensure would be almost the same as it is now. It would give flexibility in other class electives.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 2 June 20, 2017 They would still have to have a Bachelor's and college classes. Dr. Watson asked in class or degree content. Dr. Dickinson said you would have to have a BA and the course work in those classes. She said most of the core classes wouldn't change the requirement for the licensure for the teachers. She is not sure they qualify for them yet. She said they would have to do some investigation to see if it would be right for ASD and bring back to the board and staff and discuss to decide if it would be right for ASD. She said when she looks at the 1240 waiver it looks a lot similar to her experiences at other schools for the deaf. Dr. Watson asked if there was not an ALP for deaf education. Dr. Dickinson said ASL is not recognized as deaf education in Arkansas. She said they have been advertising for 4 teacher positions for a long time to find someone who qualifies.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dickinson said she was happy to be back in the USA. She said she was inspired by the Ireland School for the Deaf. Their Director wants to be ASD's sister school. She thought that would be a fun thing to do.

Dr. Dickinson said she met with the head of DFA and the state controller to discuss having our deaf student camp able to invite their siblings to encourage language in the family and also be able to include the CODA's (Children of deaf adults).

Dr. Dickinson said recently the Middle School teachers went to Denver to a conference. The Dorm leadership team went to The Student Life Conference in Riverside, California. She said soon they would be a Google school. The Governor came for a tour of the campus. ASD has ASL classes starting soon with 85 signed up. The Admin Team recently had a retreat in this room. They have received the parent and staff surveys back and also have student input. They will be deciding what they need to change or improve the school for next year.

She said there were so many good things happening but she would stop for now.

Dr. Watson said the board would go into Executive Session (5:47) to review some personnel issues that needed to be discussed. Back from session at 6:17.

Mr. Krenn said the AASIS system will not be back up until July 5th and there will not be any financial reports or personnel reports for the next meeting. Mindy will be out of town on vacation and he will be coming back from vacation and selling a house so he might not be able to attend on the 11th. He said he and Mindy didn't know if the board might want to look at the next meeting date again. They could give the board 2 in August. The board said they were alright with doing that.

Board of Trustees Meeting Arkansas School for the Deaf Arkansas School for the Blind Page 3 June 20, 2017 Dr. Watson said to summarize the Executive Session the board discussed the 1240 waiver in detail. The board decided to invite the 1240 people at ADE to come to a closed meeting with the board to focus on personnel issues and certification requirements. ADE can clarify and answer questions then the board could share at a future meeting. He said there was no action taken. The board is going to encourage and support the teachers that are facing the need to pass their individual requirements this summer. He said the board values the teachers.

17-D-012 Motion to Adjourn

Ms. McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn and Dr. McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Dr. Doug Watson, Chair

Susan Pack, Secretary