

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

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 on May 18, 2021.

Present: Dr. John McAllister, Chair; Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Vice-Chair; Faith McLaughlin, Secretary; Susan Pack, James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Dr. Priya Gupta, ASB Parent Representative; Holley Mott, ASD Parent Representative; Will Gorum and Jonathan Smith, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community

Dr. John McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:01. The next meeting was scheduled for June 15, 2021 at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Mrs. McLaughlin stated she would not be able to attend.

Joint Agenda

Dr. McAllister said they were going into Executive Session for Superintendent evaluations as one of the board members has to leave. (5:05 – 7:10)

21-J-009 Motion to Approve Joint April, 2021 Minutes

Mrs. McLaughlin moved to approve, Mrs. Pack seconded. Motion passed.

Action Items

21-J-010 – Motion to Approve Statement of Intent for the Provision of Special Education and Related Services 2021 – 2022 (ASB & ASD)

Mr. Caton stated this is Federal assurances related to 6B funds.
Mrs. Pack moved to approve, Mrs. McLaughlin seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion Items – None

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

Arkansas School for the Deaf

21-D-006 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement & Personnel Items)

Mrs. Pack moved to approve, Mrs. Mrs. McLaughlin seconded. Motion passed.
Dr. Dickinson said they were so glad to Roy DePriest on board. In the short time he has been at ASD there have been many improvements.

Action Items – None

Discussion Items – None

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Dickinson said they had an amazing Leadership Team meeting. They meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00. If you supervise anyone - you are on the team. They are doing a book study (chapter by chapter) on the "7 Habits for Highly Effective People".

Upcoming events: Administration Team Retreat; Education Leadership Team Retreat

Graduation will be Thursday at 6:00 pm – Board invited

Dr. Dickinson stated there is a lot of content in her report for the board to read.

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

Arkansas School for the Blind

21-B-006 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Personnel Items)

No Personnel items to report for April

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

Action Items - None

Discussion Items – None

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Caton said graduation will be Friday, May 21st at 10:00 am in Woolly Auditorium – Board Invited
One thing not in his report that recently happened – Concrete ceiling in Vocational Building came down in the stairwell (that is rarely used). Structural engineers are investigating. – think it could be related to a drain pipe.

Superintendent Report continued:

Passed out year books to the board. Josten's awarded ASB with a Bronze level award for Program Excellence. Proud of the year book staff.

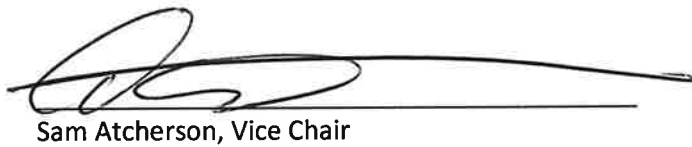
Wednesday is EAST Day In and EAST Night Out – this is to highlight the EAST program

Board welcome to attend – Times are 1:30 – 3:30 and 5:30 – 7:00

Mr. Caton showed a short film from the EAST program

Dr. McAllister said if there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Dr. John McAllister, Chair


Sam Atcherson, Vice Chair