

**Jacksonville North Pulaski School District
Regular School Board Meeting
Jacksonville City Hall
December 5, 2016**

<u>Call to Order</u>	President Gray called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
<u>Present</u>	Colonel William Brooks, Daniel Gray, Ron McDaniel, Marcia Dornblaser, Jim Moore, Dena Toney, LaConda Watson and Superintendent Tony Wood
<u>Absent</u>	Carol Miles
<u>Moment of Silence</u>	A moment of silence was observed by the Board and the audience.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Vice President Ron McDaniel led the audience in the Pledge.
<u>Public Comments</u>	No one expressed a desire to address the Board.
<u>Reports</u>	<p>Superintendent Wood said bonuses would be electronically transmitted and in employees' accounts Friday, December 9. He provided a one-page summary of the new high school detailing facility features and funding sources. Mr. Wood indicated he would be providing similar information on the new elementary school and the multipurpose rooms.</p> <p>Dr. Jeremy Owoh, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/ Instruction and Desegregation, provided a written report on the work of the curriculum/instruction team and desegregation efforts. He said student registration for the 2017-18 school year was scheduled for January 30, 2017-February 3, 2017.</p> <p>In an update on the Jacksonville Promise, Dr. Owoh said 34 seniors and 38 juniors had signed the contract with UALR, and of those 34 seniors, 12 had been admitted to the University. He said the high school had designated space for UALR personnel to work with students on applying or scholarships, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Owoh asked if the Board had questions regarding the school improvement plan he provided at the November 7 meeting. Hearing none, he concluded his report.</p>

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Bryan Duffie provided a written briefing on the work of support services. He said the District was in the process of collecting the Impact Aid surveys sent home to parents. The deadline for the District's application is January 31, 2017.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously. Items in the consent agenda included:

- Minutes of the November 7, 21 and 28, 2016 Board Meetings
- Financial Report

Consideration of
Purchase of Land

Superintendent Wood described approximately six acres adjacent to the District's transportation department as a good location for a maintenance department and warehouse facility. He said the District currently leased warehouse space at a cost of \$31,968 annually and recommended the purchase of the property.

Mr. Wood announced that he was moving forward with bids to move the metal building from the old middle school site. He said if cost effective, the building could be relocated to the Redmond Road property for warehouse space.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the purchase of 6.28 acres of land located at 2300 Redmond Road in Jacksonville for a cost of \$37,680. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of
Amended Additional
Pay Schedule

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Toney, to approve the amended additional pay schedule to include administrator substitute pay at \$200 per day. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of
Financial Disclosure
Dena Toney

Ms. Toney excused herself from the meeting prior to discussion. State law requires school board members and school employees

to disclose financial interest in a business the District could potentially have business dealings. If the potential transactions exceeds \$10,000, then a resolution must be sent to the Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education for consideration. Ms. Toney's husband is president and co-owner of Whit Davis Lumber Plus.

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Ms. Dornblaser, to adopt the resolution as presented and submit to Commissioner Key for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of
Addendum

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to include the addendum to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

Ms. McDaniel moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to move into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion carried unanimously. (6:37 p.m.)

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:10 p.m.

President Gray announced the Board had offered Dr. Bryan Duffie the superintendent position, and he had accepted.

Ms. Dornblaser moved, seconded by Ms. Toney, to name Dr. Bryan Duffie superintendent effective July 1, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. The details of the contract are to be worked out over the next few days.

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for licensed personnel for the 2016-17 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

The recommendations are:

Licensed Employees 2016-17 School Year

Blaise Hale	Secondary English Language Arts
Kimberly Pearce	Elementary Teacher

Vincent McIntosh High School Literacy Instructional
Facilitator (Previously Hired as
Secondary English Language Arts
Teacher; Extended Contract 5 Days)

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for classified personnel for the 2016-17 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

The recommendations are:

Classified Employees (2016-17)

Daniel Bailor	Bus Driver
Mario Bell	Bus Driver
Rebecca English	Bus Driver
Charleen Dewar-Harrell	Bus Driver
Antony Hatcher	Bus Driver
Carson Roberts	Bus Driver
Patricia Simpson	Cafeteria Worker
Stacey Williams	Cafeteria Worker
Candice High	Secretary (3 days at JHS, 2 days at JMS each week)

Ms. Watson moved, seconded by Ms. Dornblaser, to accept the resignations and the job abandonment. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations

Michael Benton	Custodian
Junero Block	Bus Driver
Jennifer Hasek	Bus Driver
Starla Henry	Cafeteria Worker
Lakeithia Phoenix	Custodian
Evette Webster	Bus Driver
Markiel White	Bus Driver

Job Abandonment

Krishonda Ross

Para-Professional

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Ms. Watson, to accept the resignation listed on the addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

Gavin McCollum

Speech/Stagecraft

Consideration of Student Disciplinary Actions

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Ms. Watson, to accept the recommendation for the expulsion of student 1 for the remainder of the first semester for violation of Rule 409 Possession or Use of a Weapon, Firearm or Facsimile Weapon. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Ms. Dornblaser, to accept the recommendation for the expulsion of student 2 for the remainder of the first semester for violation of Rule 407 Selling, Attempting to Sell/Distribute Drugs.

President Gray questioned the administration's decision to modify the school's recommendation.

Superintendent Wood explained that during the hearing before the hearing officer sometimes more information is revealed that impacts the decision. He noted that a student loses all credit for the period of expulsion.

President Gray said he did not want school administrators to feel they are not supported in their efforts to maintain discipline in the schools.

The motion to uphold the recommendation for the expulsion of student 2 for the remainder of the first semester carried four to two. Mr. Gray and Mr. Moore voted no.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Watson, to uphold the recommendation for the expulsion of student 3 for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for violation of Rule 404 Assault/Battery on Staff. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board conducted a closed student hearing. The following action was taken in open session.

Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for the expulsion of Gabriel Johnson (JHS) for violation of Rule 305 Terroristic Threatening (second degree) and Rule 307 Disorderly Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Board, Mr. McDaniel moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, for adjournment. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Daniel Gray, President

Carol Miles, Secretary