

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 17, 2015**

The Augusta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Augusta High School Library. Terry Shadwick, President, opened and presided over the meeting. Members present were Debbie Briscoe, Leslie Collins, and Charlotte Hitt. Members Susan Bengel, Janice Collier and Willie Powell were absent. Dr. Ray Nassar, Superintendent, was also present.

Terry Shadwick gave the prayer.

On a motion by Charlotte Hitt and a second by Leslie Collins the board approved the minutes of the January 20, 2015, regular meeting as presented without reading. Per a request by Debbie Briscoe the board approved changing the minutes of the December 15, 2014, meeting to reflect that Ms. Briscoe left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Terry Shadwick welcomed the visitors.

There was not a representative from the ACPEA present at the meeting.

There was not a representative from the PPC present at the meeting.

Joe Brown, K-12 Principal, discussed the Apple Grant and the PARCC practice testing.

Dr. Nassar presented the financial information to the board.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Leslie Collins the board approved the financial information as presented.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Leslie Collins the board ratified payment of the bills.

Dr. Nassar noted that he, Mr. Brown, Mr. Manning, and Terry Shadwick went to Little Rock to the State Board meeting. The State Board approved removing the Augusta High School from academic distress.

Dr Nassar gave each member present a copy of the Reduction in Force (RIF) Policy. He noted during his meeting with Hazel Burnett, ADE Fiscal and Administrative Services, that she recommended implementing a RIF.

Dr. Nassar said that Fletcher Survey had finished the survey of the Cotton Plant property. All of the paperwork should be finished soon.

Dr. Nassar discussed two students that have been put out of ALE. He will be recommending them to Consolidated Youth Services.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Leslie Collins the board approved rehiring Michael Manning, Director of Student Services, and Joseph Brown, K-12 Principal, for the 2016SY, as recommended by Dr. Nassar.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Charlotte Hitt the board accepted the resignations of James Hamilton, Dannis Veasley, Jackie Powell, and Tinka Henderson effective the end of their 2015SY contract, per Dr. Nassar's recommendations.

On a motion by Leslie Collins and a second by Charlotte Hitt the board approved Dr. Nassar reserving rooms for the basketball team during the Regional Tournament.

There was discussion concerning the National School Board Association conference.

Dr. Nassar discussed the High Priority Bonus which is paid by the State. On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Charlotte Hitt the board approved the bonus, paying only the personnel that the State says qualifies.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and second Charlotte Hitt the board approved the request by Hazel Sevier to use the high school cafeteria.

On a motion by Leslie Collins and a second by Charlotte Hitt the board approved interested members attending the Southern Regional School Board Conference in Biloxi, MS.

There was discussion concerning a commencement speaker for graduation, the date of the prom and the LCC property.

The board was adjourned.

Board President

ATTEST: _____
Superintendent

Board Secretary