

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 19, 2014**

The Augusta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 19, 2014, in the Augusta High School Library. Debbie Briscoe, President, opened and presided over the meeting. Members present were Susan Bengel, Janice Collier, Leslie Collins, Angela Ryland, Terry Shadwick and Robert Tripp. Dr. Ray Nassar, Superintendent, was also present.

Thomas Garner gave the prayer.

The minutes for the April 15, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented without reading.

Debbie Briscoe welcomed the visitors.

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

Georgianna Lester, PPC representative, did not have any PPC news to report. She invited the board to the retirement reception to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 3:30 PM, in the high school cafeteria.

Linder Anderson, CPE Principal, presented information concerning programs and activities taking place during the month. She noted the students would be participating in May Day on May 30, with various activities scheduled.

Thomas Garner, AE and AHS Principal, presented information concerning programs and activities taking place during the month. He noted the end of course testing was completed. The scores for the EOC Literacy are back. No students were below basic.

Michael Manning, Director of Student Services, discussed the summer school schedule. Instruction will be Monday through Thursday.

Dr. Nassar presented the financial information to the board. He noted he had received another letter from Scott McCray and Hazel Burnett, ADE Fiscal Division. He anticipates the District will close the year in good financial shape.

On a motion by Angela Ryland and a second by Terry Shadwick the board ratified payment of the bills.

Dr. Nassar discussed the article in the AR Democrat/Gazette concerning the high school being placed in Academic Distress.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Robert Tripp the board approved Dr. Nassar appealing the placement on the academic distress list.

Dr. Nassar stated his plan concerning the Academic Distress:

1. Retain all elementary students not proficient
2. 2 sessions of summer school
3. After School Program for students in grades 1-12
4. There will be no field trips during the school day
5. Possibly have Saturday School

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Angela Ryland the board approved renewing the contract with EACC for the Career Coach.

Dr. Nassar stated he talked to an attorney concerning transferring school property. He read the law concerning the matter and noted that the board has the power to donate property to not for profit entities.

Alma Brown, REDO representative, addressed the board concerning properties at Cotton Plant that the group would like to have. She stated they would like to take over the high school agri. and home economics buildings, the football field, the property they are currently using for a community garden, the bus garage, and the property north of the football field.

Irvin Lewis, Project HOPE, discussed their need for the gym/auditorium.

Mayor Ronnie Conley addressed the board concerning the property north of the football field. He stated he had the USDA come and look at the property and they want it to build houses on.

There was much discussion by the board. It was noted that the District would need to keep the bus garage for the buses that will stay in Cotton Plant for the transportation of the students. It was also noted that if there was interest in building houses on the property north of the football field, the District should try to sell that property instead of donating it to a group. Terry Shadwick also noted that it needs to be noted in the transfer paperwork that the properties will not be used for a school, private or charter, that would compete with the District.

Dr. Nassar recommended donating the gym/auditorium to Project HOPE. On a motion by Angela Ryland and a second by Terry Shadwick the board approved the recommendation. The vote was 6-1 in favor.

Dr. Nassar recommended donating to REDO, the Cotton Plant Agri and Home Economics buildings, the football field, and the property they are currently using for the community garden. On a motion by Robert Tripp and a second by Susan Bengel the board approved the recommendation.

Dr. Nassar will have the paperwork drawn up to finalize these donations.

The awnings and the fencing at the old Augusta Elementary are being removed to be transferred to the Augusta elementary and high school property.

The burned administration building has been removed. Need dirt hauled in before building can start.

On a motion by Leslie Collins and a second by Terry Shadwick the board approved the remaining retention bonuses for eligible certified personnel and a bonus equal to the lowest amount for all certified personnel not eligible for the State funded bonus.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Susan Bengel the board approved scrapping one bus.

On a motion by Leslie Collins and a second by Susan Bengel the board approved Dr. Nassar checking on prices for at least 3 buses.

Dr. Nassar discussed funding for the multi-purpose building. On a motion by Robert Tripp and a second by Terry Shadwick the board approved Dr. Nassar submitting the paperwork for the funding from the State for the building.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and second by Angela Ryland the board approved hiring Richard Greer as Math Coach beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Angela Ryland and a second by Terry Shadwick the board approved hiring Jessica Stone as Literacy Coach beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Robert Tripp and a second by Janice Collier the board approved hiring Lisa Martin as Design Coach beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Angela Ryland the board approved hiring Joe Gurley as Technology Coordinator beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Robert Tripp the board approved hiring Sarah Hardin as an elementary classroom teacher for the 2015SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Leslie Collins the board approved hiring Keli Inzer as an elementary classroom teacher for the 2015SY.

On a motion by Angela Ryland and a second by Terry Shadwick the board approved hiring Sherri Moore as an elementary classroom teacher for the 2015SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Susan Bengel the board approved hiring Chad Floyd as Head Football Coach and classroom teacher beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Leslie Collins and a second by Janice Collier the board approved renewing Lucille Tripp's contract for the 2015SY. Robert Tripp excused himself due to a family connection. Approval was given by ADE for this action.

On a motion by Angela Ryland and a second by Susan Bengel the board approved hiring Roy Daniels as basketball coach and classroom teacher beginning with the 2015SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Leslie Collins the board gave Dr. Nassar permission to hire two English teachers, Home Ec. Teacher pending a resignation from the current teacher, a special ed teacher and to interview for the principal's position.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Susan Bengel the board accepted Ryan Grisham's resignation effective the end of the of 2014SY.

On a motion by Terry Shadwick and a second by Susan Bengel the board was adjourned.

Board President

ATTEST:

Superintendent

Board Secretary