



Board Meeting
Jul 25, 2023

Agenda/Minutes

Location - Conference Call

1. Call to Order 5:02pm – Ellen Edwards presiding
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - B. Roll Call Gloria Arbuthnot, Ellen Edwards, Gloria Chatman-Brooks,
 - C. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [June 27. Meeting](#) Motion to approve June 27, 2023 Minutes; Ms. Arbuthnot, Motion 2nd Gloria Chatman-Brooks, – Motion Carried.
 - D. Approval of Agenda –
2. Public Comment N/A
3. Action Items
 - A. [Technology Lab-Teacher Computers](#) – Teacher computers and staff computers – Administrator computers are not included in this request. Fiscal policy – any purchase of more than \$5,000 has to be approved – Motion by G. Chatman-Brooks–2nd Ms. Arbuthnot – motion carried unanimous approval
 - B. [Amplify ELA](#) – The materials that teachers will utilize for Reading/Language Arts along with licensing – each grade level total purchase for ELA Materials 24,293.52 will be purchased with Title I Funding. Approved by all board members present
 - C. [Amplify Science](#) – The materials that teachers will utilize for Science 18,540.16 all grade levels – Motion to approve purchase Ms. Arbuthnot, 2nd – Gloria Chatman-Brooks, motion carried unanimously.
 - D. [School Outfitters](#) – A furniture RFP was distributed earlier in the year, but no organization has bid. Requesting approval to continue ordering School Outfitters up to 50,000 because they continued to be most competitive. Motion – Gloria Chatman-Brooks, 2nd: Gloria Arbuthnot – Motion carried unanimously
 - E. [Meteor](#) – 2nd grade desks will be ordered from Meteor – 23,252.64 – 6 desks per 2nd grade classroom for a total of 12 desks – Motion to purchase the 12 desks for \$23,252.64 – Gloria Chatman-Brooks, 2nd Gloria Arbuthnot – motion carried unanimously
 - F. Budget Updates – Dr. Rucker presented to Board to table:
 - G. [Test Policy for Homeschooled Students](#): Homeschool students have to be tested for placement; Motion: Gloria Chatman-Brooks, 2nd Gloria Arbuthnot; Motion carried unanimously
4. Report Items
 - A. Policy Review
 - a. Assessment policy

- b. [Acceptable Use Policy](#) – Policy that determines the acceptable use of school issued devices by staff and students.
 - c.
 - B. School Start Up State Visit
 - a. Facility Update – State Visit will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023: at 11:00am
 - i. Parents and community members are impressed with the progress, landscaping has been put in place.
 - b. Recruitment
 - i. Student Enrollment Numbers – Expanded the kindergarten
 - 1. Accepted K=70, 1=42, 2=40
 - ii. Staff Update – Fully staffed
 - 1. Certified –
 - 2. Seeking Alternative Certification (1 teacher will be working with Jackson State – other teachers will be completing a program through Belhaven
 - 3. Nurse position has not been posted
 - 4. Custodian has been interviewed and identified
 - 5. Substitute position will be posted
 - 6. Question from the floor in regards to meal plan – A temporary contract has been signed with Elite Hospitality for 3 months, August, September, October — Currently in discussion with Natchez Adams School District – took to the Board and waiting to hear back – NASD would benefit and so would IIGP–
 - c. First Day of School Preparation – Detailed information will be sent out. The red carpet has been ordered. Any Board Members that are able to attend and be present August 7, 2023
 - C. Reception Update: July 27, 2023 – Thursday at 11:00am, Individuals have confirmed. Contacted the Chamber that in order for them to conduct a ribbon cutting, the organization would have to be a member.
 - D. Board Update
 - a. [Mississippi Ethics Commission - Statement of Economic Interest \(ms.gov\)](#) – The school is available on the list now. Please complete.
 - b. Board Training - July 29th, 9:00 - 12:00
- Move to Executive Session 6:01pm
- E. Executive Cabinet – Moved to Executive session 6:01pm
- F. Exit Executive Cabinet 6:12pm
5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 6:19pm