

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
November 21, 2011**

The Augusta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 PM on Monday, November 21, 2011, in the administrative offices. President Cleodis Smith presided over the meeting. Members present were Debbie Briscoe, Janice Collier, James Harston, Lonnie May, Buddy Porter, and Amanda Hanna. Scott Jones, Superintendent, was also present.

James Harston opened the meeting with a prayer.

On a motion by James Harston and a second by Lonnie May the board approved the minutes of the October 10, 2011, regular meeting as presented.

Cleodis Smith welcomed the visitors.

There was not a representative from the ACPEA or the PPC present.

Marshall Hughes, First Security – Beardsley Public Finance, presented information concerning a possible extension of the bonds the District currently owes. This would allow for some construction needs without raising taxes.

The board retired to executive session to discuss the expulsion of a student.

The board returned to open session.

On a motion by Lonnie May and a second by Buddy Porter the board upheld the recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the fall semester for the 2012SY.

Mr. Jones discussed the school finances. He discussed the letter from Hazel Burnett with the AR Dept. of Education. Each board member received a copy of the letter from Ms Burnett noting a declining ending balance for 2 consecutive school years. Mr. Jones noted that he had attended a meeting with the Dept. The problem was reports were pulled by the State prior to the final close of the school year. Once the reports were updated the District showed an increased ending balance for the 2011SY.

On a motion by James Harston and a second by Buddy Porter the board ratified payment of the bills.

On a motion by Buddy Porter and a second by Lonnie May the board approved changing from US Able to American Fidelity as the administrators of the District Cafeteria Plan effective January 1, 2012.

Mr. Jones discussed the information presented by Mr. Hughes. Noting the money would be used for a multi-purpose building, flooring repair for the high school and roof repair for the high school. He stated he would like to apply for Partnership money from the state to assist with the cost of these projects. On a motion by Buddy Porter and a second by Lonnie May the board approved the resolution as presented by Mr. Jones. (attached)

On a motion by Lonnie May and a second by James Harston the board approved selling the Home Ec. Building at Cotton Plant for \$50,000.00, with the money being used for improvements to the Cotton Plant campus.

On a motion by Buddy Porter and a second by James Harston the board approved the out of state trip to Los Angeles for the TAP conference, March 7-11, 2011.

On a motion by James Harston and a second by Lonnie May the board approved the Assurances for Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2011, Public Law 107-110. (attached)

The board retired to executive session for discussion of personnel matters.

The board returned to open session.

On a motion by Lonnie May and a second by Buddy Porter the board approved bonuses to be distributed in December: \$1,000.00 of the Retention Bonus for all eligible certified personnel, \$3,000 for Scott Jones, Lori Lombardi, Linder Anderson, Thomas Garner and Paulette Shields as they are not eligible for the Retention Bonus or which \$1,000.00 will be disbursed in December, and \$884.00 for all classified employees.

James Harston discussed a van for Cotton Plant. No action was taken.

The regular December meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, 5:00 PM, at the administrative offices.

The board was adjourned.

Board President

ATTEST: _____
Superintendent

Board Secretary