

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TEAMS
April 13, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Barker, Chairman
Nathan Lee, Vice-Chairman
Boyce Hamlet, Secretary
Dubs Byers, Member
Alonza Jiles, Member
Lee Watson, Member
Grant Hodges, Member

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Lee seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of 1/23/26.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, Mr. Watson, Pastor Jiles and Mr. Hodges voting yes.

2026-2027 SALARY SCHEDULES

Mr. Lee moved,

Dr. Byers seconded, and the motion carried to approve the 2026-2027 salary schedules- see attachment #1.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

Mr. Hodges left the meeting.

2026-2027 CALENDAR

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Lee seconded, and the motion carried to approve the 2026-2027 calendar- see attachment #2.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

Mr. Watson moved,

Dr. Byers seconded, and the motion carried to approve promotions and new hires- see attachment #3.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

2026-2027 REHIRE LIST

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Watson seconded, and the motion carried to approve the 2026-2027 rehire list- see attachment #4.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

POLICY UPDATES AND NEW POLICY APPROVALS

Mr. Lee moved,

Dr. Byers seconded, and the motion carried to approve policy updates and new policy- see attachment #5.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

ARKANSAS RIVER EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATION RESOLUTION

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Hamlet seconded, and the motion carried to approve the resolution for Superintendent Dowell to be the Arkansas River Education Service Cooperation representative for the Board-see attachment #6.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM PILOT

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Hamlet seconded, and the motion carried to approve the high school diploma program pilot- see attachment #7.

Chairman Barker abstained from the vote and the discussion and Vice-Chairman Lee called for the vote.

Vice-Chairman Lee called roll with Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes. Vice-Chairman Lee also voted yes.

Pastor Jiles abstained due to technical difficulties

The Board recessed into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

The Board reconvened in open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board formalized and finalized the continued employment of Superintendent Dowell and will negotiate the terms and approval of her contract at the next meeting.

Chairman Barker called roll with Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamlet, Dr. Byers, and Mr. Watson voting yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Jamie Barker
Chairman

Nathan Lee
Vice-Chairman

Boyce Hamlet
Secretary

William "Dubs" Byers
Member

Alonza Jiles
Member

Lee Watson
Member

Grant Hodges
Member