



**COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA
Arkansas Department of Education
From the Commissioner's Conference Room
Little Rock, AR
September 19, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2018

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the July 31, 2018, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. State Financial Participation Increase

Brad Montgomery, DPSAFT, Director

Cutter-Morning Star Elementary School Project #1819-2601-001 \$5,472.71

The Division requests an upward revision of state financial participation for one 2017-2019 cycle project funded by the Commission on April 27, 2017. The Division changed the project scope to include a fire alarm system replacement, which increased the State Financial Participation for the project by an additional \$5,472.71.

There are sufficient funds available in the FY18 Academic Facilities Partnership funds to accommodate an increase in SFP of \$5,472.71 for the project.

Recommendation – That the Commission provide additional state financial participation for the Cutter-Morning Star School District project #1819-2601-001 based upon the Division's revised calculations.

3. Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2018

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(15) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state of condition of academic facilities statewide. The report also includes summary results of lawfully required inspections of public school academic facilities by state agencies and commissions.

Nine school districts filed Petitions for Waiver since the Unused or Underutilized Public School Facilities list was published February 28, 2018, and no charter organizations sent written responses. On September 7, 2018, two additional school districts filed Petitions of Waiver. The charter organizations response time will not be for several weeks.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.

4. Academic Facilities Master Plan Program – State Plan – October 1, 2018

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(16) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each even-numbered year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state academic facilities Master Plan.

The state facilities Master Plan includes:

- A list of committed projects for public school academic facilities for the upcoming fiscal year categorized by program and method of state financial participation.
- The total estimated cost of each committed project and the estimated amount of state financial participation.
- A four-year rolling forecast of planned new construction projects related to public school academic facilities.

Recommendation - That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.

5. Act 962 of 2015 - High-Growth School Districts

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Per Act 962 of 2015, the Commission shall annually determine which school districts qualify as high-growth school districts under this section. Annually, by November 1, the Commission shall prepare a list of the qualified school districts.

There are 14 school districts with enrollment growth over 4%.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.

6. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities – Appointments

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-113 establishes the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities (“*Advisory Committee*”) and provides for the Commission to make appointments as required.

The Arkansas Rural Education Association (*AREA*) submitted three candidates to replace John Hoy who recently retired as the Helena/West Helena School District superintendent.

Dan Breshears, Superintendent, Centerpoint School District
Susan Kissire, Superintendent, Bismarck School District

Pam Castor, Director, Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative - *Declined*

Dr. Doug Harris retired as the East End School District superintendent and from his Ex Officio appointment to the Advisory Committee. The candidate to replace Dr. Harris is:

Shawn Cook, Superintendent, Lakeside School District (Hot Springs)

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the appointment of a candidate from the AREA and the Ex Officio candidate to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities.

7. Adjourn