



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

MEETING AGENDA

**Department of Heritage, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, AR
April 27, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.**

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the December 12, 2017, Commission meeting.

2. 2017-2019 Partnership Program Projects – Year Two Funding Approval

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, DPSAFT, Director

At the April 27, 2017, the Commission provided state financial participation for 2017-2019 Partnership Program Year-One projects prioritized per current Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, to a funding level of \$211.2 million. With the completion of the 2018 General Assembly Fiscal Session, funding is available to fund approved/unfunded Year-Two projects of the 2017-2019 project funding cycle. The State Financial Participation required to fund the 29 projects is \$42,356,793.96.

Recommendation – That the Commission provide \$42,356,793.96 State Financial Participation for 2017-2019 Partnership Program Year-Two projects.

3. Act 542 of 2017 (Unused/Underutilized Facilities)

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director, DPSAFT

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-815(3)(b), titled "*Right of access to unused or underutilized public school facilities*", states "*Annually by March 1 the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall publish a list on its website identifying all unused or underutilized public school facilities.*"

The unused and underutilized public school facilities list was published and posted on the Division website on February 28, 2018.

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-816 titled "*Sale or lease of public school facilities*" states in d(1) "*A school district may petition the division for a waiver of subsection (c) of this section as it applies to an unused or underutilized public school facility within the school district.*"

Cross County School District, Dollarway School District, and Little Rock School District filed Petitions for Waiver. Certified letters were sent to each of the charter organizations and APSRC notifying them of each separate Petition for Waiver request.

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-816(e)(1)(B)(2) states "*Not later than thirty (30) days after an eligible entity granted a charter under § 6-23-101 et seq. or statewide organization representing charter schools in Arkansas receives a notice described in subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section, the eligible entity or statewide organization representing charter schools may submit to the division an objection in writing to the petition.*"

The Division did not receive an objection regarding any of the three Petitions to Waiver from any charter organizations or APSRC by the end of the 30-day period. The Division granted the Petitions for Waiver and sent individual letters notifying each of the three school districts.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

4. Wynne Public Schools – Catastrophic

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, DPSAFT, Director

Act 2206 created the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program. The Program authorizes the Division to distribute State assistance to school districts for emergency facility projects due to an act of God or violence. The law defines a catastrophic project as "repair and new construction for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district."

The law requires that any State assistance under this program shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of a catastrophic project that is not covered by insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district.

Wynne Public Schools had a catastrophic event on September 24, 2017 when the Primary School campus experienced a power outage created by an act of God that damaged six 2-phase classroom HVAC systems. The total cost of replacement of the six units was \$26,297 with an insurance deductible was \$10,000.

Wynne Public Schools requested reimbursement of the State's portion of the deductible based on the Academic Facilities Wealth Index which totals \$5,943.90.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve reimbursement of \$5,943.90 as requested under the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.

5. Rules Status

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, DPSAFT, Director

- a. **Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Appeals from Determinations of the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation**
- b. **Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Facilities Master Plan**
- c. **Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Right of Access to Unused or Underutilized Public School Facilities and the Sale or Lease of Public School Facilities**

Status Report – No Commission action required.

6. Terry Granderson, Assistant Director – National Pat Cochrane Memorial Award

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, DPSAFT, Director

The Pat Cochrane Memorial Award is awarded annually to someone in the National School Plant Manager's Association (NSPMA) who exhibits leadership skills, passion and a vision for K-12 facilities in America. This year, Terry Granderson was selected and NSPMA asked Mike Mertens of AAEA, who serves on the NSPMA executive board, to present the award to Terry on their behalf. Mr. Granderson is retiring August 24, 2018.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

7. Adjourn