



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

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**  
**ADE Commissioner's Conference Room**  
**July 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Agenda Summary**

**1. Summary Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2017**

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the April 27, 2017, Commission meeting.**

**2. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Act 801 of the 2017 Regular Session of the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly revised Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-113 pertaining to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. The Act directed the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation appoint new members to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. The attached table lists the nominees for Committee membership.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the reorganization of the Advisory Committee, as indicated, and appoint all new members in accordance to Act 801 of 2017.**

**3. State Financial Participations Increases**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

New Jacksonville Elementary School	Project #1718-6004-002	\$ 48,220.87
New Van Buren Elementary School	Project #1718-1705-001	\$116,612.70

The Division requests an upward revision of state financial participation for two 2017-2019 cycle projects funded by the Commission on April 27, 2017. The Division recently discovered that an incorrect project qualifying cost existed for each of the two projects. State financial participation for the projects was calculated using maximum versus minimum enrollment figures taken from the Division's FY2017/FY2019 New Facilities Cost Estimates. The specifics for each project calculation are as follows:

- a. Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Project #1718-6004-002, New Elementary School, with a projected enrollment of 648 students was calculated using new facility direct and indirect cost per square foot (SF) of \$173.71 for Little Rock Region, New K-5 Facilities at 750 enrollment versus 550 enrollment at \$175.00 per SF. The Division approved project size per the Program of Requirements (POR) was 79,507 SF. Jacksonville North Pulaski School District has a Wealth Index of 0.529846186408436. Therefore, the state financial participation requested by the Division and approved by the Commission at its April 27, 2017, meeting underfunded this project by \$48,220.87.

- b. Van Buren School District Project #1718-1705-001, New Elementary School, with a projected enrollment of 486 students was calculated using new facility direct and indirect cost per SF of \$171.24 for Fort Smith Region, New K-5 Facilities at 550 enrollment versus 350 enrollment at \$175.00 per SF. The Division approved project size per the POR was 54,953 SF. The Van Buren School District has a Wealth Index of 0.43562650596206. Therefore, the state financial participation requested by the Division and approved by the Commission at its April 27, 2017, meeting underfunded this project by \$116,612.70.

There are sufficient funds available in the FY18 Academic Facilities Partnership funds to accommodate an increase in SFP of \$164,833.57 for the two projects.

**Recommendation – That the Commission provide additional state financial participation for the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Project #1718-6004-002 and Van Buren School District Project #1718-1705-001 based upon the Division’s revised calculations.**

**4. Bismarck School District - #1516-3001-015 and #1819-3001-002**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

The Division received a letter from Bismarck School District (*District*) requesting a revision to the project scope and a new construction start date to June 1, 2018, for Partnership Project #1516-3001-015, District-wide HVAC Replacement. The new construction start date and request to re-scope this currently funded project required reprioritizing the District’s projects based on their most immediate need for a high school HVAC systems replacement. The District submitted and was approved for Project #1819-3001-002 for the High School Boiler/Chiller Replacement, not scheduled for (*possible*) funding until May 1, 2018. Since the HVAC system is only approximately seven years old, the Division hired Harrison French & Associates to perform a detailed inspection. The inspection report combined with many complaints and general health/safety concerns caused by the current high school HVAC system failure, has made the replacement need imminent and the project needed immediately.

The Division concurs with the Bismarck School District assessment that this represents a pressing and immediate need, that it is a limited and unusual circumstance, and that the proposed re-scoped project is a prudent and resourceful use of State funds. The Division recommends approval of the District’s request to re-scope Project #1516-3001-015, and to extend the construction start date to June 1, 2018. The District will rescind Project #1819-3001-002. If approved, funding will not exceed \$1,335,920.26,

District-wide HVAC Replacement	Project #1516-3001-015	\$1,335,920.26
HS Boiler/Chiller Replacement	Project #1819-3001-002	\$2,375,931.40

**Recommendation - That the Commission approve the requested project re-scope and extend the construction start date to June 1, 2018.**

**5. Adjourn**