



COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

MEETING AGENDA
DFA, 1509 West 7th, Suite 102
September 29, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Summary

1. **Summary Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2017**

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the July 5, 2017, Commission meeting.

2. **Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2017**

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.

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

3. **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 28 school districts with enrollment growth over 4%.

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

4. 2015-2017 Partnership Program Projects – Refunding Warm, Safe, Dry (Systems)

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

The Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program (*Rules*), Section 5.05.1(i), state “*Warm, safe, and dry (systems) projects shall receive ranking of first order prior to any other partnership project only to the extent that the total state financial participation in all warm, safe, and dry (systems) projects does not exceed \$10 million in the aggregate for each year of the Project Funding Cycle.*”

The Commission approved but did not fund four 2016-2017 Warm, Safe, Dry (Systems) projects on May 25, 2016, because the projects ranked beyond the \$10 million funding limit. Since that date, rescinded Warm, Safe, and Dry (Systems) projects have unencumbered funds for the four remaining projects. One school district declined to seek funding because it will not proceed with the proposed project at this time.

The remaining three school districts and projects are:

Batesville	1617-3201-002	Sulphur Rock ES Roof	\$336,184.37
Marion	1617-1804-001	Marion HS N Annex re-roof	\$261,606.57
North Little Rock	1617-6002-003	Ridgeroad ES Roof Replacement	\$291,291.72
			\$889,082.66

Recommendation – That in accordance with the \$10 million annual aggregate Warm, Safe, and Dry (Systems) funding limit, the Commission approve and reassign \$889,082.66 in rescinded State Financial Participation for the three 2016 Partnership Program Warm, Safe, Dry (Systems) projects to Batesville School District, Marion School District, and North Little Rock School District.

5. Preliminary Master Plan / Master Plan Updates Submission

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

All school districts submitted their Master Plan/Master Plan Updates by February 1, 2017, as required.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

6. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities – New Appointment

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Act 801 of the 2017 Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly revised Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-113 pertaining to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. The Arkansas Education Association submitted a replacement candidate for their member position since their initial candidate declined the appointment. The new candidate is Malinda Martin-Johnson.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the appointment of the new member in accordance to Act 801 of 2017.

7. Advisory Committee on Public School Facilities - Update

Act 801 of the 2017 Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly revised Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-113 provided direction to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities (*Committee*) to perform a comprehensive review of the Partnership Program and provide the Commission an analysis in eight areas by July 31, 2018.

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Status report. No Commission action required.

8. Transportation Status

Presenter – Jerry Owens, Senior Transportation Manager.

The Division's transportation safety activities for the 2016-2017 school year included school bus inspections and training of school bus drivers. Per the Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers, the Division inspected 6,644 school buses and trained 9,183 school bus drivers. On May 8, 2017, the Division conducted the National Illegal Passing Survey with results from 1,794 school bus drivers that reported 726 illegal passes in one day. A Public Awareness Campaign through television, radio, and print media started August 14, 2017, regarding illegal passing of school buses. School Bus Safety Week will be October 16-20, 2017.

Status report. No Commission action required.

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