

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF
THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

**ADE Auditorium
Meeting
July 5, 2017**

Commission Member in Attendance:

Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Aaron Burkes, President, Arkansas Development Finance Authority
Larry Walther, Director, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Brad Montgomery, Director, DPSAFT
Terry Granderson, Assistant Director, DPSAFT
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst, DPSAFT

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

Agenda item:

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2017

The Commission approved the summary minutes for the April 27, 2017, Commission meeting.

2. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities

Brad Montgomery stated that per 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 Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation was directed to appoint new members to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. A list with the proposed names of the new members was provided to the Commission for review.

The Commission approved the reorganization of the Advisory Committee, as indicated, and appointed new members in accordance to Act 801 of 2017.

3. State Financial Participations Increases

Brad Montgomery indicated the Division requested an upward revision of state financial participation for two 2017-2019 cycle projects funded by the Commission on April 27, 2017. The Division had 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 were 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.

Mr. Montgomery indicated there was sufficient funds available in the FY18 Academic Facilities Partnership funds to accommodate an increase in SFP of \$164,833.57 for the two projects.

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

The Commission provided 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

Mr. Montgomery indicated 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. Mr. Montgomery stated that since the HVAC system was only approximately seven years old, the Division had 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, made the replacement need imminent and the project needed immediately.

Mr. Montgomery stated the Division concurred with the Bismarck School District assessment that this situation represents a pressing and immediate need, that it was a limited and unusual circumstance, and that the proposed re-scoped project was a prudent and resourceful use of State funds. The Division recommended approval of the District’s request to re-scope Project #1516-3001-015, and to extend the construction start date to June 1, 2018. Mr. Montgomery indicated the District would rescind Project #1819-3001-002. He stated that if approved, funding would 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

The Commission approved the requested project re-scope and extend the construction start date to June 1, 2018.

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