

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:05am. Members in attendance are Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray, Karli Saracini, Chair Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, Phil Baldin, Toyce Newton, Dr. Tina Moore, and Kim Davis (remote). CAP Chair swore in all who planned to speak. The transcript and video of this meeting is available on the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website located at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/about/archived-minutesvideo/2023>
  - a. Motion to accept consent agenda. Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Dorie Summons introduced Warren Public Schools rescinding charter. Moved, seconded, passed unanimously.
  - c. Dorie Summons introduced proposed calendar dates for 2024. Dr. Moore moved to accept; Mr. Baldwin seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - d. Procedural review by Stephen Reynolds, ADE Legal.
- II. Mountainburg Schools returning for presentation of district conversion application. Sworn in by Dr. Sutherlin
  - a. Courtney Pressley high school principal presented instructional and occupational program with an example of a, “A Day in the Life” of a Mountainburg student.
  - b. Mr. Baldwin asked how big the program could grow as the current projection is only for 25 the first year. Ms. Pressley said that she was not sure, but they anticipated it being a large percentage of their student population.
  - c. Stephen Reynolds said that ADE Legal has no legal concerns over waivers requested.
  - d. Dr. McMurray moved to accept the application. Saracini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Haas Hall requesting to move its campus. Superintendent presented. Motion made to allow, seconded, passed unanimously. No discussion required by panel.
- IV. Academies of West Memphis requesting a renewal of 5 years.
  - a. Superintendent presented.
  - b. Stephen Reynolds did legal review.
    - i. One note from ADE legal - would allow school to collect ADM funding for students they’re servicing. No other legal concerns.
    - ii. Member Saracini has concerns over a renewal of 5 years since school is at a high D rating and would be more comfortable with a 3-year renewal.
    - iii. Panel would like to see other SMART Goals lined out.
    - iv. Ms. Newton moved for a 5-year renewal with a report with CAP at 2.5 years with progress toward goals. Motion and seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. Presentation of Open Enrollment and District Conversion Charter School Data by Tiffani Grayer and Jeffrey Fetters from ADE DESE PSA
  - a. Motion will have reporting out for Friendship Aspire and others for January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Moore. Saracini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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