

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 359
Monticello, AR 71657

Board of Directors Meeting

July 25, 2023

Members Present: James Sanders, Sandy Patrick, Ray Hearron, and Dr. Lynne Thompson

Members Absent: Susan Wishard, Dr. Tim Simon, Jamaal Jones

Others Present: DeAnna Doherty

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lynne Thompson, Board President at 2:55pm. It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

II. REVIEW OF REPORTS

A. James Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

B. Year to date cash balances were presented. James Sanders motioned to accept the cash balance report as presented. Ray Hearron seconded. Motion approved.

C. Mrs. DeAnna Doherty gave the Enrollment report.

She stated the Agency was serving as Waiver Provider to 66 consumers.

Mrs. Doherty said the Adult Center's enrollment was at 59 consumers with 1 more in process.

The preschools have a total enrollment of 171 children, with 47 children in process, and 11 attending on vouchers or private pay.

James Sanders gave the Consumer Council report indicating the events that had been held since the last board meeting.

After discussion, James Sanders made a motion to approve the Enrollment and Consumer Council reports. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Reports approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Doherty gave the program updates. She informed the board that we were still waiting on the numbers from the insurance adjuster in regards to the damage sustained at Hamburg during a recent storm.

B. Mrs. Doherty shared that we were still waiting on information from the city of Monticello in regards to the bus shed property located next to our Monticello preschool site.

- C. Mrs. Doherty gave an update on getting a clearance from 811 to build on the empty lot on our Monticello property. A committee has been formed to review potential building plans.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty requested that the Board approve the purchase of site licenses for Conscious Discipline Training for the preschool programs. Ray Hearron made the motion to approve the purchase of the licenses. Sandy Patrick seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Mrs. Doherty presented the board with the annual review of strategic, affirmative action, accessibility, risk management, and corporate compliance plans. Discussion was held. No motions required.
- C. Mrs. Doherty requested approval to move forward with installing Verkada cameras at the Hamburg and Star City sites. Discussion was held as to cost, installation time frames, and the benefit of an upgraded camera system. Mrs. Doherty informed the Board that she had secured \$20,000 in grants for this project. Sandy Patrick made a motion to have the cameras installed in Hamburg and Star City. Ray Hearron seconded. Motion passed.
- D. Dr. Thompson moved into Executive Session for a disciplinary appeal hearing. The appeal was reviewed, discussion was held. Sandy Patrick made a motion to uphold the termination decision. James Sanders seconded the motion. Appeal denied. Per agency policy, appropriate notification will be sent in regards to the appeal.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.