

**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 26th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud

Members Absent: Chris Bell

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- Selection of Child Nutrition Vendor. Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Jeff Pulliam. Unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Little Rock
Elementary Campus**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chris Bell (3:04), Chad Froud

Members Absent: none

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Scott McCrae, Cassandra Dyson

Minutes for the May 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Jeff Pulliam with the correction of the location on the Board Minutes, changed from Little Rock to Downtown Pine Bluff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided details about the Leadership Bootcamp and the staff field day. Dr. Tran also introduced the incoming superintendent, Dr. Denise Simmons.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report was accepted.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

FINAL REMARKS – The next meeting date will be July 25th at 1:00 PM, in Pine Bluff, at the Friendship Aspire Academy Southeast campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:28 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Southeast
Elementary Campus**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chris Bell, Chad Froud

Members Absent: none

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Joe Harris, Denise Simmons

Minutes for the May 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran and Dr. Simmons reported on the first day of school. Mr. Harris and Dr. Tran reported on the spring ACT Aspire results, and the action plan.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Mr. Chris Bell. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report was accepted.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- **FAA 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule:** Motioned by Mr. Chris Bell and second by Mr. Chad Froud. Board unanimously approved the FAA 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule.

FINAL REMARKS – The next meeting date will be September 26th at 12:00 PM, in North Little Rock, at the Friendship Aspire Academy North Little Rock campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, September 26th, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy North Little Rock
Elementary Campus**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chris Bell, Chad Froud

Members Absent: none

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Denise Simmons

Minutes for the August 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided details about the NWEA Map test and student enrollment. Dr. Simmons provided details on our students winning the math competition in Pine Bluff.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report was accepted.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- **23-24 Budget:** Motioned by: Mr. Chris Bell, seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Unanimously approved by the board.
- **22-23 Auditor:** Motioned by: Mr. Chris Bell, seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Unanimously approved by the board.
- **Statement of Assurances for Programs Under The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965:** Motioned by: Mr. Chad Froud, seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. Unanimously approved by the board.

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be September 26th at 12:00 PM, at the Garland Elementary campus.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:16 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Garland Elementary**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chris Bell, Chad Froud

Members Absent: none

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran

Minutes for the August 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell with the correction of the date on the next board meeting on the Board Minutes, changed from September 26th to October 17th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the schools.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report was accepted.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS: None

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be November 14th at 12:00 PM, at the Pine Bluff Downtown campus.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Pine Bluff Downtown**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud

Members Absent: Chris Bell

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Denise Simmons

Minutes for the October 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Jeff Pulliam. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the schools and the upcoming NWEA test. Dr. Simmons provided a quick update on the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, the upcoming Christmas Toy Drive, and UAPB Orange out day on Friday.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report was accepted pending the financial committee review.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS: None

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be December 19th at 12:00 PM, at the Pine Bluff Hazel Street Campus.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:18 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



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Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Pine Bluff Hazel St**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud, Chris Bell

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Denise Simmons, Scott McRae

Minutes for the November 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the schools and the NWEA test results. Dr. Tran also highlighted the recognition received from US News, ranking the Pine Bluff Hazel St Campus as the top Charter Elementary School in Arkansas and securing the 28th position among the state's 728 elementary schools. Dr. Simmons provided a quick update on the upcoming professional development occurring in Jan.


FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report from last month and this month was accepted on a motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Finance report unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- North Light House Lease – Motioned by Mr. Chris Bell, seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Action item unanimously approved.
- Transfer of management contract from FEF to FEF Arkansas – Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud, seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. Action item unanimously approved.

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be January 16th at 12:00 PM, at the North Little Rock Campus.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:33 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran 

**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Garland Campus**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud, Chris Bell

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran

Minutes for the December 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments


SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the board hours: Mr. Chad Froud and Mr. Jeff Pulliam have met there 6 hours. Mr, Chris Bell had advised that he would complete his hours before the next board meeting.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black. The Finance Report from last month and this month was accepted on a motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Finance report unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS: None

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be February 13th at 12:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:09 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran 

**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Garland Campus**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud, Chris Bell

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran, Denise Simmons

Minutes for the February 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell with the adjustment of the next meeting date to be changed. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the board hours: Mr, Chris Bell has completed 6 his hours. Dr. Tran also provide updates on the last writing Atlas test and the upcoming Atlas test. Dr. Tran also discussed the 2022-2023 school audit, where there are no findings.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS: None

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be April 16th at 12:00 PM at North Little Rock.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
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Tuesday, May 21st, 2024

Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy North Little Rock Campus

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud, Chris Bell

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran

Minutes for the March 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the schools and the Atlas test.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were discussed by Dr. Tran. FAAA is in the black.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- Federal Assurance: Motioned by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. Federal Assurance unanimously approved.
- 2024-2025 School Calendar: Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Brown. 2024-2025 School Calendar unanimously approved.
- 2024-2025 Teacher Salary Schedule: Motion by Mr. Chris Bell and seconded by Mr. Chad Froud. 2024-2025 Teacher Salary Schedule unanimously approved.
- North Little Rock Grade Configuration: Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. North Little Rock Grade Configuration unanimously approved.
- OPAA Renewal: Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. OPAA Renewal unanimously approved.

FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be June 18th at 12:00 PM at Garland Elementary.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:26 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran



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Tuesday, June 18st, 2024

**Location: Friendship Aspire Academy
Garland Campus**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chad Froud, Chris Bell

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran

Minutes for the May 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. Minute unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tran provided a quick update on the status of the schools, the upcoming school year, and the summer Teacher University.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were tabled for the next board meeting. Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. Unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- 2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule: Motioned by Mr. Chad Froud and seconded by Mr. Chris Bell. 2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.
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FINAL REMARKS: The next meeting date will be July 16th at 12:00 PM at Pine Bluff Downtown.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:24 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Phong Tran

