

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
January 13, 2015

Members Present: Mr. Chuck Shipp, Mr. Carl Barger, Mr. Bill Clements, Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. André Acklin, Mr. Scott Champlin, Mr. Trip Leach

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Greg Murry; Assistant Superintendent Carroll Bishop; Directors Dianne Allen, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Dr. David Westmoreland, Charlotte Vann, Debbie Miller; Business Manager Zinnia Clanton; Communication Specialist Heather Kendrick; Recording Secretary Peggy Town

Mr. Shipp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Murry introduced Audrey Kendrick, Student Representative of the Month. Audrey is a fourth grade student at Jim Stone Elementary School. She is the daughter of Greg and Jenifer Kendrick. Audrey loves sports and gymnastics, camping, playing with her cousins, and her church's student activities at First Baptist. Her favorite subject is English, and she loves to read and write. The most interesting thing Audrey has learned this year is cool multiplication strategies; compact method is her favorite. Audrey says her school is awesome because of the people - both the kids and the teachers! Audrey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved by the Board at 6:02 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Clements. Items on the consent agenda were:

- A. Approval of Minutes, December 9, 2014 - Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- C. Approval of Policies: (1.2) Board Organization and Vacancies; and (7.2) Annual Operating Budget

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Murry introduced the District's newest National Board Certified Teachers: Cody Johnson, Conway High School English Teacher; Elizabeth Wells, Conway Area Career Center; Kristina Lampe, Conway Area Career Center; and Melinda Francis, Bob Courtway Middle School English Teacher. The Board congratulated the teachers on their significant achievement.
- Superintendent Murry introduced Conway High School Principal Joel Linn and AP History Teacher William Richardson, who recognized the Conway High School Model United Nations teams for their success at the recent Arkansas Model United Nations Conference, held on November 21-22 at UCA. Students worked after school and on their own time to conduct research and practice debate skills. Winning Honorable Mention

Outstanding Delegate awards were: Sidney Freyaldenhoven, Special Political Committee representing Syria; Hadiyah Cummings, Economic and Finance Committee representing Syria; Zach Powers, Social and Humanitarian Committee representing Syria; Elaina Taylor, Economic and Finance Committee representing Iraq, Ryan Frizzell, Social and Humanitarian Committee representing Iraq; Tim Ablondi, Special Political Committee representing the Philippines; and Sarah Thomas, Human Rights Council representing the Philippines. Bailey Craig won the Overall Outstanding Delegate in the Model Arab League Committee, representing Syria. Three Conway High Students were also selected as rapporteurs for their committee to speak in front all delegates from the Southeast region of the United States at the conference: Bailey Craig, Model Arab League Committee, representing Syria; Arely Loya, Human Rights Council, representing Peru; and Zach Powers, Social and Humanitarian Committee, representing Syria. Conway High also won Best Position Paper awards for their portrayal of their countries. An Honorable Mention Best Position Paper award went to the Conway delegation of Czech Republic. Overall Outstanding Best Position Paper awards went to the Conway delegations of Syria, Iraq, and the Philippines. The Conway High delegation of Iraq finished as one of the top ten delegations at the conference, while the Conway Delegation of Syria was the top delegation from the State of Arkansas and overall runner-up delegation at the conference. The Board congratulated the Model UN students and thanked them for representing Conway High so well.

- Curriculum Director Debbie Miller reported on the Google in Education Summit, a two-day national conference sponsored by Google that is focused on providing technology skills and tools to educators for use in their schools. This was the second year the Summit was held at Conway High School. Ms. Miller introduced Assistant Principal Stacy Defoor and teachers Rosa Etter, Crystal Rehm, Kristina Lampe, and Katti Bowen, who serve on a district-wide technology committee along with Leigh Masterson, who was unable to attend. These teachers worked with students on a collaborative presentation called "Google Through the Grades," that showcased how our students use technology in the schools to enhance student learning. The following students were presented with certificates in recognition of their accomplishment: Elementary students – Haley DeFoor, Holly Griffith, Julie Klug, Kara Lampe, Elyse Ortega, Bryce Wells, and Laurel Wells; 7th-9th Grade students – Karson Francis, Lauralee Masterton, and Bryant Xie; High School students – Rachel Battisto, Michael Garlington, Mykela King, and Valeria Pavon Perez.
- Superintendent Murry introduced Heather Kendrick, the District's new Communication Specialist. Ms. Kendrick thanked Dr. Murry and the Board for the opportunity. She is looking forward to working with Dr. Murry to develop a specialized communications plan for the District. She is already networking with local media professionals to build relationships and make sure that the great things happening in the Conway School District are being reported on television, in the newspapers, and on social media.

- Superintendent Murry presented the financial reports for the period ending December 2014. The District continues to be in a sound financial position.

Directors' Reports

- Mrs. Dianne Allen, Personnel Director, presented the 2015-2016 Academic Calendar. The calendar had been approved by the Personnel Committees and selected by the staff. Two options were presented to the staff, and Option 1 received 83% of the vote. The calendar follows all rules and regulations required by statute.

Dr. Lamey made a motion to approve Option 1 as the official school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Champlin and passed unanimously at 6:33 p.m.

- Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the proposed changes to the following policies for the Board to consider and vote upon at the February 2015 board meeting: (4.29) Internet Safety and Electronic Device Use Policy; (4.37) Emergency Drills; (4.45) Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2015 and Thereafter; (4.49) Video Surveillance and Other Student Monitoring.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Champlin, the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent were unanimously approved by the Board at 6:47 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 1. Amy Kennedy, Parent Coordinator, Theodore Jones Elementary, effective 12.31.2014
- Elections
 1. Tiffany Stroman, Secretarial/Registrar, Conway Junior High, #15-30
 2. Hannah Church, Middle School Teacher, Carl Stuart Middle School, #15-31
 3. Edgar E. Blom, Computer Technician I, #15-26
 4. Raynal Abram, Custodian, Conway Junior High, #15-27
 5. Justin McEntire, Part-time Instructor, Conway Adult Education Center (Vilonia Public Schools)
 6. Leftiana Payne, Assistant Manager Food Service, Ida Burns Elementary (.81 FTE)
 7. Tina Ball, Custodian, Conway Adult Education Center
 8. Paulette Towner, Custodian, Conway High School, #15-28

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. to consider a personnel matter. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Champlin.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Shipp
Board President

/s/ Adam Lamey
Board Secretary

APPROVED: February 10, 2015