

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
June 9, 2015

Members Present: Mr. Chuck Shipp, Mr. Carl Barger, Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. Bill Clements, 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 Bunting, Steve Daniels; 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 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved by the Board at 6:01 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Champlin. Items on the consent agenda were:

- 1) Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Approval of the List of Bills Paid in May 2015
- 3) Approval of Purchase Orders
- 4) Re-approval of Bus Bid
- 5) Act 1599 Resolutions
 - Craig Niswonger - Craig's Mobile Entertainment
 - Donna Lyon - Donna Lyon
 - Janet Clements - Clayton Clements
 - James Bates - Matt Bates
 - Beth Fluesmeier - Colin Fluesmeier
 - Beth Fluesmeier - John Fluesmeier
 - DeLanna Lacy - AirGas USA, Inc.

Superintendent's Report

- Introduction of Jessica Williams, 2015-2016 Elementary Assistant Principal, Carolyn Lewis Elementary – Superintendent Murry welcomed Carolyn Lewis Elementary's Principal Tina Antley, who introduced Jessica Williams, the 2015-2016 Assistant Principal at Carolyn Lewis. Ms. Williams comes to the District from the Sheridan School District where she was Assistant Principal at East End Intermediate School. She stated she was excited to be a part of the Conway School District.
- Funding Proposal for Ida Burns/Indoor Facility Project – Dr. Murry addressed the Board, seeking approval to submit an application for a permit to issue bonds to fund the Ida Burns renovation project and the Indoor Sports Facility Project and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as the fiscal agent. It is anticipated that the actual sale

of the bonds will be brought to the Board for approval in September. Dr. Murry reiterated that these are second lien bonds and that the District is not asking for any type of adjustment in the millage rate.

President Shipp called for a motion to submit an “Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds,” with related documents, for \$11,275,000 in Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Mr. Clements so moved and Mr. Barger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 6:04 p.m.

- Miscellaneous Pay and Rate Schedule – Dr. Murry and Ms. Allen presented a Miscellaneous Pay/Rate Schedule dated June 3, 2015, to the Board for approval.

Mr. Clements made a motion to approve the Miscellaneous Pay/Rate Schedule, as presented. Mr. Leach seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously at 6:09 p.m.

- Five-Year Plan Proposed Goals – Dr. Murry reported that the Administrative Team has been working on a five-year plan for the District, designed to guide the District in making decisions over the next five years in the areas of technology, teaching and learning, and secure environment. He asked the Board to approve the goals that have been identified.

President Shipp called for a motion to approve the Five-Year Plan Goals, as presented. Mr. Clements so moved and Dr. Lamey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 6:12 p.m.

- Proposed Budget of Expenditures 2016-2017 and School Election Information – Superintendent Murry presented the Proposed Budget of Expenditures for the 2016-2017 school year and related election documents. The date for the annual school election is September 15. It is Dr. Murry’s understanding that no millage question will be on the ballot. Board Position 7, Zone 2 held by Mr. Clements and Board Position 1, Zone-at-Large held by Mr. Acklin will be open; both Mr. Clements and Mr. Acklin are seeking re-election.

President Shipp called for a motion to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 to and including June 30, 2017 and to approve all related election documents. Mr. Clements so moved and Mr. Barger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 6:15 p.m.

- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry reported that things continue to go quite well in the District. The final report for the fiscal year will be presented at the July meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Update on Ida Burns and Practice Facility Projects – Assistant Superintendent Bishop advised the Board that the site utility package came in on June 5 and went out to bid. The bid package will be opened on June 11th and site work can then begin. All work being done will be a part of the final package. The playground in the back is being moved and work will begin on the drainage with the hope of completion this summer. The complete package is scheduled to come in on July 15th, after which the project will go out to bid. State facilities approval must be acquired, then the project will be brought to the board with a guaranteed maximum - hopefully in August.

Directors' Reports

- Modification of the 15-16 School Calendar - Ms. Allen asked the Board to approve a revised 15-16 school calendar. Changes included moving September parent teacher conference dates due to the Fair Parade, and adding Act 286 language that allows the school district to make up missed school days by extending the regular school day.

President Shipp called for a motion to approve the modifications to the 15-16 school calendar, as presented. Mr. Champlin so moved and Dr. Lamey seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:28 p.m. by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Leach opposing.

- Athletics End-of-Year Report - Coach Daniels reported to the board concerning the athletic records and accomplishments during the 2014-2015 school year. He stated he was very proud of the athletic teams – both the students and the coaches - and of how much was accomplished this year. He advised that next year the away games will be streaming live and Y107 will be carrying the radio games. Also, Coach Taylor is working on a new website.
- School Health Index Report - Coach Daniels invited Coach Taylor to address the Board concerning the school health index. Coach Taylor recognized and thanked the Wellness Committee for all of their work. All schools in the District completed the School Health Index report, which consists of five modules and identifies the strengths and weaknesses of each school as they relate to school safety, school health, family and community involvement, physical activity, and nutrition.
- Achievement Gap - Dr. Westmoreland presented charts and statistics to the Board that indicated that a district gap exists between the scores of black students and white students. Unfortunately, the available database does not make it possible to show the growth or any differences in performance. Dr. Westmoreland is hopeful that better statistics will be available in coming years.

Personnel Approval

- Resignations
 1. Clara Rose Simon - Speech Therapist, Florence Mattison Elementary, Retiring
 2. Calvin Robinette - Science Teacher, Conway Junior High, Retiring
 3. Becky Bagwell - Special Ed/Assist Inclusion, Conway Junior High, Retiring

4. Pam Strassle - First Grade Teacher, Ida Burns Elementary, Retiring
5. Stephanie Johnson - Bus Driver, effective end of school year
6. Pam Curry - Nurse, Carl Stuart Middle School, effective end of school year
7. Christi Fisher - Business Teacher, Conway Junior High, effective end of school year
8. Mollie Teas - School Psychology Specialist, effective 06.03.2015
9. Lettiana Payne - Assistant Cafeteria Manager, Ida Burns Elementary, effective 06.03.2015
10. Tracy McAllister - Media Specialist, Bob Courtway Middle School, Retiring
11. James Medford - Bus Driver, effective 05.20.2015
12. Kelly Baldwin - 5th Grade Science Teacher, Carl Stuart Middle School, effective end of year

- Elections

1. Trinina Pouncy - Assistant Principal, Conway Junior High, #15-76
2. Jefferson Stinson - JROTC Instructor, Conway Junior High, #15-62
3. Megan Ruggles - Art Teacher, Marguerite Vann Elementary, #15-74
4. Amy Howell - Instructional Facilitator, Theodore Jones Elementary, #15-78
5. Diana Sellers - Attendance/Cafeteria Paraprofessional, Carolyn Lewis Elementary, #15-40
6. Nicole Cook - Band Director, Bob Courtway Middle School, #15-70
7. Carrie Farris - Elementary Instructional Facilitator, Jim Stone/Woodrow Cummins, #15-77
8. Kim Hinton - English Teacher, Conway High School, #15-53
9. Deborah Freestone - Elementary Attendance/Clerical Paraprofessional, Florence Mattison Elementary, #15-73
10. Brandi Reynolds - Secretary/Bookkeeper, Florence Mattison, #15-57
11. Nohora Carson - Spanish Teacher, Conway Junior High, #15-66
12. Tiffany Barnes - Elementary Teacher, Carolyn Lewis, #15-71
13. Amy Chronis - Special Education Resource Teacher, Marguerite Vann, #15-59
14. Allan West - Gifted & Talented Teacher, Ida Burns Elementary, #15-41
15. Allison Foster - Music Teacher, Florence Mattison Elementary, #15-58
16. Karnesia Kelly - Middle School Teacher, Simon Middle School, #15-50
17. Holly King (Crossman) - Assistant Principal, Julia Lee Moore Elementary, #15-88
18. Trenton Morgan - Elementary In-school Suspension Paraprofessional, Jim Stone Elementary, #15-83
19. Sara Simco - 15-72, Elementary Teacher, Carolyn Lewis Elementary, #15-72
20. Food Service Worker, Carolyn Lewis Elementary, Corey Johnson
21. Food Service Worker, Julia Lee Moore Elementary, Gail Furlow
22. Mya Sandi Aung - Hourly Part-Time Instructor, Adult Education

A motion to approve the personnel recommendations of the administration, as presented in the agenda, was made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Clements. The motion passed unanimously at 6:56 p.m.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Champlin. Motion passed unanimously at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Shipp
Board President

/s/ Adam Lamey
Board Secretary

APPROVED: July 14, 2015