

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
May 10, 2016

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

Members Absent: Mr. Scott Champlin

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

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

Superintendent Murry welcomed and introduced Matt Sweere, Student Representative of the Month from Conway High School. The son of Daniel and Kathi Sweere, Matt is the Valedictorian for the Conway High School Class of 2016 with a 4.43 GPA. Matt made a perfect 36 on the ACT test and is a National Merit Finalist. He plans to attend and has been accepted as both a Business Fellow and University Scholar at Baylor University. After taking questions from the Board, Matt led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:03 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Clements. Items on the consent agenda were:

- Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2016
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid in April
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of 2016-2017 Student Handbook

Superintendent's Report

- Recognition of Class of 2016 Top 10 Honor Graduates – Superintendent Murry welcomed CHS Principal Joel Linn, who recognized the following top 10 Highest Honor Graduates from the Class of 2016: Matt Sweere (Valedictorian), Harrison Dawson (Salutatorian), Joshua Vines, David Derochers, Tim Ablondi, Blake Hawkins, Michael Ward, Allison Dombek, Sam Cloyd, Rachel Lance. The Board congratulated the students on their high achievement.
- Recognition of Duke Tip Students – Superintendent Murry welcomed Dr. Charlotte Green, who recognized the following Duke Tip students who qualified for State and Grand recognition: Blayne Griffin, Aaron Johnson, Zoe Russell, Alexis Sellers, Dagan Shoesmith, Cade Smiley, Chiara bunting, Samuel Chesshir, Jessica Lasley, Kamiah Turner, Jennasis Whisenant, Nyden Hill, Allison Purtle, Matthew Stephens, Jackson Williams, Abigail Woods, Matthew Ablondi, Jake Barton, William Parrack, Cayla McNair.
- Presentation of CEA Awards – Superintendent Murry introduced Felix Maull, CEA President. Mr. Maull presented awards to the following students who participated in an essay contest by the Conway Education Association. Scholarship: Matthew Sweere. Essay Winners 7th-12th Grade: Jesus Orellana, Jillian Tang, Jacob Prince. Essay Winners K-6th Grade: Katelyn Hernandez, Addison Gray, Jadyann Vik, Emma Dull.

- 2016 CHS Yearbook Presentation – Principal Linn presented the 2016 CHS Yearbook. Copies of the yearbook were distributed to the Board members.
- Recognize 2016-2017 Conway High School Principal – Dr. Murry welcomed and congratulated Mr. Jason Lawrence, the new CHS Principal. Mr. Lawrence is filling the position left vacant by Mr. Linn. Mr. Lawrence stated he was very humbled and appreciative of the opportunity.
- Recognize 2016-2017 Conway Junior High Principal – Dr. Murry welcomed and congratulated Mr. Ben Darley, the new CJH Principal. Mr. Darley is filling the position left vacant by Mr. Edwards. Having served as the Assistant Principal at CJH for the last four years, Mr. Darley stated he was excited to continue his work there as he looks forward to the future.
- Recognize Gary Logan, Arkansas’ Assistant Principal of the Year – Superintendent Murry welcomed Woodrow Cummins’ Assistant Principal, Mr. Gary Logan, and congratulated him on being named Arkansas’ Assistant Principal of the Year. Principal Dayna Lewis shared the many ways that Mr. Logan stands out and makes students feel welcome. Mr. Logan thanked the Board, stating how much he appreciated working for a District that allowed him to be himself.
- Board Financial Report – Dr. Murry presented the financial report, stating that the District continues to be on solid financial ground.

Directors’ Reports

- E-rate Resolution and E-rate Requests – Dr. Bradshaw requested Board approval for an e-rate resolution that authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2016-17 and the payment of the applicant’s share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

Mr. Barger made the motion to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2016-2017, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leach and passed unanimously at 6:37 p.m.

- 2015-2016 Annual Accreditation Report – Dr. Bradshaw presented the Annual Accreditation Report, stating that the District is in complete and total compliance with standards and accreditation.
- Approval of Special Education Assurances and VI-B Budget Application – Mrs. Vann reported that, in the past, this application has been presented in September; however, due to federal monitoring regulations, states must now review these reports by July 1. The District’s VI-B Budget must now be presented the last week of April.

Mr. Clements made the motion to approve the Special Education Assurances and VI-B Budget Application, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lamey and passed unanimously at 6:42 p.m.

- Approval of 2016-2017 Salary Schedules – Mrs. Allen presented the 2016-2017 Salary Schedules. The only changes to the schedules were those that were approved at the April Board meeting.

Dr. Lamey made the motion to approve the 2016-2017 Salary Schedules, as submitted. Mr. Clements seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:43 p.m.

- Curriculum Report – Information on summer professional development being offered was included in the Board’s packet.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Mr. Leach, the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent were unanimously approved by the Board at 6:45 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 1. Natasha Gomillion - Part-time Teacher, Simon Middle School
 2. Lesa Rae Vandiver - Math Teacher, Conway High School, effective end of school year
 3. Karen Strossner - French Teacher, Conway High School, retiring effective end of school year
 4. Todd Heffington - Food Service Clerk, retiring effective June 7, 2016
 5. Kryshon Henderson - Custodian, Conway Junior High School, effective May 13, 2016
 6. Kelly Webber - Drama Teacher, Conway High School, retiring effective end of school year
 7. Joseph Moon - Middle School Teacher, Carl Stuart Middle School, effective end of school year
 8. Robin Cole - Science Teacher, Carl Stuart Middle School, retiring effective end of school year
 9. David Steadham - Bus Driver, effective end of school year
 10. Derrick Steele - ISS Paraprofessional, Carl Stuart Middle School, effective May 4, 2016

- Elections
 1. #16-56 - Kelsey Ezell, Social Studies Teacher, Conway High School
 2. #16-43 - Ava Banks, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Bob Courtway Middle School
 3. #16-44 - Kaitlin Spencer, Elementary Music Teacher, Woodrow Cummins
 4. #16-51 - Christopher Baker, Auditorium Supervisor, Conway High School
 5. #16-53 - Kyle Kelley, Agricultural Science Teacher, Conway Area Career Center
 6. #16-54 - Jamie Bratton, Journalism Yearbook Teacher, Conway High School
 7. #16-55 - Brooks Smith, Social Studies Teacher, Conway High School
 8. #16-59 - Lindsay Bradshaw, Science Instructional Facilitator, Conway Junior High/Conway High School
 9. #16-67 - Kristen Trembley, Middle School Teacher/Counselor, Simon Middle School

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:46 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Clements.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Shipp
Board President

/s/ Adam Lamey
Board Secretary

APPROVED: June 14, 2016