

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince Street  
February 14, 2017

**Members Present:** Mr. Carl Barger, Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. André Acklin, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Scott Champlin, Mr. Trip Leach, Dr. Diane Robinson

**Members Absent:** None

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

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

Superintendent Murry welcomed Dr. Karen Lasker, Principal at Courtway Middle School. Dr. Lasker introduced Davis Mulhearn, the Student Representative of the Month. Davis is in the sixth grade at Courtway Middle School. His parents are Travis and Amanda Mulhearn. Davis stated that if he had to select a favorite subject, it would have to be Social Studies. He enjoys fishing, hunting, playing baseball, and gymnastics, and he aspires to be a major league baseball player. Following questions from Superintendent Murry and the Board, Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:09 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Clements.** Items on the consent agenda were:

- (1) Approval of Minutes - January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (2) Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- (3) Approval of Act 1599 Resolution filed by Carla Rice
- (4) Approval of Purchase Orders
- (5) Approval of Policies
  - 4.6.1 Guidelines for Placement and/or Scheduling of Former Home School Students & Students from Non-accredited Schools
  - 4.13 Privacy of Students' Records/Directory Information
  - 4.15 Contact with Students While at School
  - 4.45 Smart Core Curriculum and Graduation Requirements
  - 4.56 Extracurricular Activities - Secondary Schools
- (6) Approval of Petition for Transfer of Student into Conway School District: One (1) student from Vilonia filed by Amanda Gauvey
- (7) The Board agrees to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Review Committee and Administration concerning student discipline.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Recognition of Stock Market Team Winner – Dr. Charlotte Green invited Donna Adolph, Gifted and Talented Teacher, to report to the Board on the Stock Market game. Ms. Adolph introduced and congratulated Braydon Koeth from Ray and Simon Middle School. Braydon was a state winner for the Economics Arkansas Stock Market Game.
- Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds – Superintendent Murry presented documents to the

Board seeking approval of the sale of second lien bonds for the planning, designing, and construction of safe rooms. Voter approval is not required, as the District is not seeking additional millage or the extension of its current millage.

**A motion was made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Champlin to submit an “Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds,” with related documents, for \$10,000,000 in Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley 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. The motion passed unanimously at 6:19 p.m.**

- 2017 Legislative Session Report – Superintendent Murry presented a summary from the current Legislative Session. After highlighting some of the more pertinent bills, Dr. Murry stressed the need to continue to be strong vanguards for public education and encouraged the Board to stay in contact with their legislators.
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry reported that the District’s finances continue to be strong and the District is doing well.

#### **Directors’ Reports**

- 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook for Study – Director Daniels presented the draft 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook for the Board to study, for approval at the March 2017 meeting. No significant changes were being made.
- Proposed Policy Revisions – Director Bunting presented the proposed revisions to the following policies for the Board to consider and vote upon at the March 2017 meeting:
  - 5.11 Digital Learning Courses
  - 5.29 Wellness Policy
- Curriculum Report – Director Bunting updated the Board on the work being done in preparation for Summer 2017 Professional Development.

**Executive Session** – The Board went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. (Scott Champlin left at 7:15 p.m.) The Board exited Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

#### **Personnel Approval**

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Clements, the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent were unanimously approved by the Board at 7:29 p.m., as presented in the agenda:**

- Resignations
  - (1) Pat Bane - Custodian, CJHS, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (2) Marcia Calvin - Teacher, WC, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (3) Carol Clark - School Nurse, TJ, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (4) Berlon Dillard - Custodian, Adult Education, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (5) James Doshier - Bus Driver, Transportation, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (6) Deborah Duncan - Teacher, JLM, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (7) Joyce Gould - Teacher, TJ, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (8) Nancy Hill - Teacher, JLM, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (9) Nancy Hill - Bus Driver, Transportation, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (10) Jimmy Holland - Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
  - (11) Jearl Looney - Bus Driver, Transportation, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)

- (12) Brenda Mahar - Custodian, Central Office, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (13) Terri Seiter - Teacher, Conway High School, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (14) Charles Shelton - Custodian, Ida Burns Elementary, retired effective March 31, 2017
- (15) Susan Strack - Paraprofessional, Simon Middle School, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (16) Beverly Sutterfield - Teacher, Conway High School, retired effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (17) Meagan Adkins - Teacher, Courtway Middle School, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (18) Jameslyn Bird - Teacher, Conway Adult Education Center, resigned effective June 1, 2017
- (19) Jonathan Burgin - School Psychology Specialist, Annex, resigned effective May 30, 2017
- (20) Melissa Castleberry - Teacher, Conway Area Career Center, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (21) Heidi Darter - Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elementary School, resigned effective February 17, 2017
- (22) Lisa Jessen - Insurance/Benefits, Central Office, resigned effective June 30, 2017
- (23) Patricia Oeste - Bus Driver, Transportation, resigned effective June 1, 2017
- (24) Peggy Paxton - Bus Driver, Transportation, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (25) Brody Prince - Hourly Worker, Central Maintenance, resigned effective July 28, 2017
- (26) Christine Wright Seefeld - Teacher, Conway High School, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (27) Obie Tankersley - Bus Driver, Transportation, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)
- (28) Jennifer Virden - Teacher, Ellen Smith Elementary School, resigned effective end of contract year (2016-2017)

- Elections

- (1) Dr. K.K. Bradshaw - Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2017
- (2) Dr. Karen Lasker - Director of Personnel, effective July 1, 2017
- (3) Renee Bennett - Director of Programs and Professional Development, effective July 1, 2017

**Adjournment**

**No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Leach and seconded by Mr. Acklin.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carl Barger  
Board President

/s/ André Acklin  
Board Secretary

APPROVED: March 14, 2017