

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
April 11, 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 Stacy DeFoor, Principal at Florence Mattison Elementary School. Mr. DeFoor introduced Kali Erby, the Student Representative of the Month. Kali is in the fourth grade at Florence Mattison, and her favorite subject in school is math. She is the daughter of Derwin and Chante Erby, and her hobbies include dance, gymnastics, and taekwondo. After addressing the Board and responding to questions, Kali led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Clements. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- (1) Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (2) Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- (3) Approval of Purchase Orders
- (4) The Board agreed to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Review Committee and Administration concerning student discipline.
- (5) Approval of the Following Policies:
 - 4.51 Food Service Prepayment
 - 7.21 Food Service Prepayment
 - 3.42 Licensed Personnel Fringe Benefits
 - 8.7 Classified Employees Personnel Personal and Professional Leave
 - 8.7c Classified Employees Military Leave
 - 8.11 Overtime, Comp Time, and Complying with FLSA
 - 8.34 Classified Personnel Staff Fringe Benefits
 - 8.34a Classified Personnel Staff Retirement Fringe Benefit Formula

Superintendent's Report

- Recognize the Conway Unified Team – Director Vann was very pleased to recognize and congratulate the Conway Wampus Cats Unified Team, who recently won the State Championship for the second time in a row. Students who participated on the team were: David Johnson, Ebony Day, Keondrick Kennedy, Daitwon Shorter, Diamond Forte, Tiawon Jordan, Erik Webster, Dillon Hancock, Parker Teague, Kameron King, Kylee French, Berris Teague, Miller Myers (coach), Maddie Hefner (coach). Faculty sponsor/coach Cheryl Daniels introduced the team members who were in attendance, and the Board congratulated them on a job well done.

- Recognize Jennifer Park, ProStart National Educator of Excellence Award Recipient - Donna Lyon, Supervisor of the Conway Area Career Center, introduced and congratulated Jennifer Park, who teaches culinary and hospitality management courses at CACC. Ms. Park recently received a ProStart National Educator of Excellence Award from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. Made possible by Golden Corral, the award recognizes exceptional educators who utilize the ProStart program in their classrooms. Ms. Park proudly introduced and thanked the students on her team: Hannah Bennett, Sean Branstner, Maygan Byrd, Jared Nevill, Madison Walker, Anna Fey, Angela Gonzalez, Michaela Green, Pearl Osborn, Steven Thorn, and Patricia Bowers.
- Legislative Report – Superintendent Murry provided a list of acts that have been signed into law by the Legislature this Session. The list was for the Board’s review and will be used as a template going forward.
- Board Financial Report – Dr. Murry presented the monthly financial report, stating that the District continues to be in solid financial shape.
- Approval of Recommended Salary Adjustments for the 2017-2018 School Year – Superintendent Murry recommended to the Board a 1% increase to all positions on all District salary schedules for the 2017-2018 school year. The total cost of this increase for next year’s budget, including the required matching benefits, will be approximately \$630,676 for the Operating fund. Funds will still be held in reserve for new positions needed next year.

Dr. Robinson made a motion to approve an increase of 1% to each position on each salary schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Champlin and carried unanimously at 6:43 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Approval of Increase in 2017-2018 Meal Prices – Assistant Superintendent Bishop addressed the Board concerning the government required increase in meal prices to comply with Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The recommendation was to increase the lunch meal prices by .10 cents: from \$2.25 to \$2.35 for Elementary and from \$2.50 to \$2.60 for Secondary.

Dr. Lamey made a motion to approve the increases in 2017-2018 school meal prices, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clements and carried unanimously at 6:49 p.m.

Directors’ Reports

- 2017-2018 Student Handbook – Director Bradshaw presented the handbook to the Board for study and vote at the May Board meeting. No substantive changes were made to the handbook.
- Assessment Update – Director Linn reported on state required assessments that CPS students are taking or have taken.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. The meeting agenda was amended to include an additional name to the list of Elections.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Clements, the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent were unanimously approved by the Board at 7:54 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 - (1) Melinda Wright - Assistant Principal, Conway High School, retiring effective end of contract year
 - (2) Rodney Gwatney - Custodian, Conway Junior High School, effective April 14, 2017
 - (3) Haley Grissom - Teacher, Theodore Jones Elementary, effective end of contract year
 - (4) Jefferson Stinson - JROTC Assistant Instructor, Conway Junior High, effective May 31, 2017
 - (5) Virginia Weaver - Food Service Worker, Woodrow Cummins Elementary, effective March 31, 2017
 - (6) Tomika Gunnells - Instructional Paraprofessional, Courtway Middle School, effective April 3, 2017
 - (7) Angela Ruble - Attendance Secretary, Conway Junior High School, resigning effective end of 2016-2017 school year
 - (8) Sharon Bothwell - Special Education Paraprofessional, Julia Lee Moore Elementary, effective end of 2016-2017 school year
 - (9) Lauren Heathscott - Teacher, Ida Burns Elementary, effective May 25, 2017
- Re-elections
 - (1) List of Certified Employees
 - (2) List of Classified Employees
- Elections
 - (1) #17-34 - Patti Dillon, Special Education Teacher, Self-Contained, Julia Lee Moore Elementary
 - (2) #17-33 - Elizabeth Spann, School Psychology Specialist, Conway Public Schools
 - (3) Elizabeth Bishop - School Nurse, Conway Public Schools
 - (4) #17-32 - Christi Parrish, Principal, Simon Middle School
 - (5) #17-31 - Amy Jordan, Principal, Courtway Middle School
 - (6) #17-57 – Brian Longing, Physical Education Teacher and Head Coach-High School Boys Basketball, Conway High School

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Clements. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carl Barger
Board President

/s/ André Acklin
Board Secretary

APPROVED: May 9, 2017