

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
May 9, 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, 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 Conway High School Principal Jason Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence introduced Lauren Campbell, the Student Representative of the Month and Salutatorian for the Class of 2017. Ms. Campbell is the daughter of Stephen and Jennifer Campbell. Her favorite subject in school is history. One of her hobbies is running, and she has signed with the University of Arkansas to run Cross Country and Track. After taking questions from the Board, Ms. Campbell 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. Clements and seconded by Dr. Lamey. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- (1) Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (2) Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- (3) Approval of Purchase Orders
- (4) Approval of 2017-2018 Student Handbook

Superintendent's Report

- Recognition of Class of 2017 Top 10 Honor Graduates – Principal Lawrence recognized the following Top 10 Highest Honor Graduates from the Class of 2017: Ji-Ling Tang (Valedictorian), Lauren Brooke Campbell (Salutatorian), Zelda Mars Engeler-Young, Melody Cheng-Hsin Chiang, Cooper Braden Tribett, James Cameron Tilley, Joseph Robert Coker, Ethan Sun Chen, Gary Nicholas Stillwell, and Preston Howard Moline. The Board congratulated the students on their high achievement.
- Recognition of Quiz Bowl Team – Principal Lawrence recognized the 2017 7A Quiz Bowl Champs: Joe Coker, Zelda Engler-Young, Jack Lester, Tanner Ruth, Hunter Fleming, Peter Grant, Megan Haase, Jillian Tang, Hunter Davis, Harrison Hite, Matt Depner, Archer Murray, Kate Parrack, and Jared Nevill. This team won in 10th grade, was runner-up in 11th grade, and recently won the State Championship. The Board congratulated this exceptional group of students and their Coach, Jacob Paxton.
- 2017 CHS Yearbook Presentation - Principal Lawrence presented the 2017 CHS Yearbook. Copies of the yearbook were distributed to Board members.
- Review of End-of-Year Activities at CHS - Principal Lawrence shared a list of end-of-the-year activities with the Board. He also presented a video highlighting the District's first-ever Senior Walk.

- Recognition of Duke Tip Students Dr. Charlotte Green - Superintendent Murry welcomed Dr. Charlotte Green, who reported that Conway had 40 seventh-grade students enrolled in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. The following fifteen students qualified for state recognition based on ACT performance: Bradlyn Deaver, Zane Reed, Alan Sun, Sydney Talley, Matthew Wilson, Ashlin Charlton, Leandro Menon, Kaitlyn Rathmann, Rebecca Boone, Luke Caldwell, Maxie Eller, Regan Lucero, William Polk, Kierra Stiger, and Jacob Thompson.
- Recognition of Middle School Principals – Dr. Murry recognized and congratulated Christi Parrish, 2017-2018 Simon Middle School Principal, and Amy Jordan, 2017-2018 Courtway Middle School Principal. Both Ms. Parrish and Ms. Jordan were previously Assistant Principals at their respective schools. They expressed their excitement, and thanked the Board for the opportunity.
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report, stating that the District continued to be on solid financial ground.
- Teacher Appreciation – Dr. Murry recognized Heather Kendrick. Ms. Kendrick presented a promotional teacher appreciation video that was created by AETN. The video featured students from Ida Burns and Conway High School, expressing in one word what teachers were to them.

Directors' Reports

- E-rate Resolution and E-rate Requests – Director Bradshaw requested Board approval for an e-rate resolution that authorizes filing of Form 471 applications for funding year 2017-18, and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

Mr. Clements made the motion to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2017-2018, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leach and passed unanimously at 6:50 p.m.

- 2016-2017 Annual Accreditation Report – Director Linn 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 – Director Vann reported that the Arkansas Department of Education requires the District to submit by June 1 a preliminary budget for federal VI-B Special Education funds. She presented the documents and requested Board approval.

Dr. Robinson 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 6:56 p.m.

- Curriculum Report – Director Bunting shared information on a grant program with Goodwill Industries Training Center to put books into the hands of all children in Arkansas.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Acklin, the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent were unanimously approved by the Board at 7:08 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 - (1) Antwanette Jackson - Custodian, Conway Junior High School, effective April 28, 2017
 - (2) Allan West - Teacher, Ida Burns Elementary, effective May 30, 2017
 - (3) Dr. Charlotte Green - Gifted and Talented Supervisor, effective end of contract year
 - (4) Patricia Stuff - Paraprofessional, Conway Adult Education Center, retiring effective end of contract year

- (5) Courtney Love - Bookkeeper, Theodore Jones Elementary, effective June 9, 2017
 - (6) Teresa McConnell - Bookkeeper, Conway High School, effective end of contract year
 - (7) Diana Moore - Counselor, Conway High School, effective end of contract year
 - (8) Sherry Norrell - Teacher, Ida Burns Elementary, retiring effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract school year.
 - (9) Dennis Fleming - Custodian, Ellen Smith Elementary, retiring effective June 30, 2017
 - (10) Natalie Cunningham - Teacher, Ellen Smith Elementary, effective at the end of contract year
 - (11) Karla Fournier - Music Teacher, Carl Stuart Middle School, retiring effective at the end of the 2016-2017 School year
 - (12) Ronda Boucher - Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School, retiring effective May 25, 2017
- Elections
 - (1) #17-49 - Macy Wood, Agri Teacher, Conway Career Center
 - (2) #17-47 - Kimberly Griggs - Physical Science Teacher, Conway Junior High School
 - (3) #17-38 - Britney Ann Graham, Elementary Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
 - (4) #17-39 - Amanda Brown, Elementary Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
 - (5) #17-62 - Lourdes N. Goodnight, Assistant Principal, Conway High School
 - (6) #17-54 - Jacob Smith, Assistant Principal, Conway High School
 - (7) #17-61 - Tammy Embry, Instructional Facilitator, Theodore Jones Elementary
 - (8) #17-67 - Rhonda Gruchalski, Speech Language Pathologist, TBA
 - (9) #17-59 - Jake Turney, Custodian, Conway High School
 - (10)#17-43 - Alicia Wimberly, School Nurse, Theodore Jones Elementary
 - (11)#17-64 - Kelly Alumbaugh, Elementary Teacher, Theodore Jones Elementary
 - (12)#17-71 - Gynger Campbell, Assistant Principal, Bob & Betty Courtway Middle School

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:08 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Dr. Lamey.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carl Barger
Board President

/s/ André Acklin
Board Secretary

APPROVED: June 13, 2017