

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince Street  
September 12, 2017

**Members Present:** Mr. Carl Barger, Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. André Acklin, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Scott Champlin, Mr. Trip Leach, Dr. Diane Robinson (attended remotely via teleconference)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Superintendent Greg Murry; Assistant Superintendents: Carroll Bishop, K.K. Bradshaw; Directors: Dr. Karen Lasker, Renee Bennett, Steve Daniels, Joel Linn, Charlotte Vann; Business Manager Zinnia Clanton; Communication Specialist Heather Kendrick; Recording Secretary Peggy Town.

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

Superintendent Murry welcomed Principal Dayna Lewis, who introduced Cambrynn White, Student Representative of the Month from Woodrow Cummins Elementary. The daughter of Brandi Rodgers and Marcus White, Cambrynn is in the fourth grade at Woodrow Cummins Elementary. Her favorite subjects are math and writing, because they are challenging and “that helps me to be smarter”! Her hobbies are gymnastics, soccer, hip-hop, and singing; her best friend is her little brother. After taking questions from the Board, Cambrynn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:04 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Dr. Lamey.** Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- (1) Approval of Minutes - August 8, 2017, Regular Board Meeting
- (2) Approval of the List of Bills Paid in August 2017
- (3) Approval of Purchase Orders
- (4) Approval of Statement of Assurances for Programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act
- (5) Approval of Act 1120 Resolution
- (6) Approval of the following In-District Petitions for Transfer:
  - One child from Vilonia filed by Enari Ali
  - One child from Vilonia filed by Richard Scott Bartley
  - One child from Mayflower filed by Shana Williford-Edmond
  - One child from Mayflower filed by Cheryl Marcuri
  - Two children from Greenbrier filed by Gregory Patrick Kennedy

**Superintendent’s Report**

- Recognize 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year - Superintendent Murry presented the 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year: Reta Scroggs, Sallie Cone Preschool; Nicole Loftis, Ida Burns Elementary; Tami Popham, Woodrow Cummins Elementary; Randi House, Theodore Jones Elementary (District Teacher of the Year); Katie Kirkland, Carolyn Lewis Elementary; Allison Chrisman, Florence Mattison Elementary; Shannon Riner, Julia Lee Moore Elementary; Alisa Paladino, Ellen Smith Elementary; Kristy Bentley, Jim Stone Elementary; Jana Hedgecock, Marguerite Vann Elementary; Cheryl Bing, Courtway Middle School; Kay Kaye Dell, Ruth Doyle Middle School; Tanya Easterwood, Simon Middle School; Kerry Hymas, Carl Stuart Middle School; Beth Fulks, Conway Junior High; William Richardson, Conway High School.

- CPS Foundation Report – Superintendent Murry welcomed Aaron Knight, the Conway Public Schools Foundation Board Vice President. Mr. Knight gave an overview of the work that is being done by the Foundation. He stated that the Foundation remains steadfast in helping teachers help students. Over 50 classroom-impact mini grants have been awarded to date, which allow teachers to go above and beyond. Mr. Knight believes the future of the organization is very bright. He thanked Superintendent Murry and the Board for their tremendous support and for being champions for the Foundation.

(Dr. Robinson temporarily left the meeting.)

- Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts - Communication Specialist Heather Kendrick shared information with the Board on some of the ways students from Conway Public Schools have worked to collect money and goods for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

(Dr. Robinson rejoined the meeting remotely.)

- Approval of 2017-2018 Operating Budget - **A motion was made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Dr. Lamey to approve the Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously at 6:45 p.m.**
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the Financial Report for August 2017. He stated that things continue to go well in the District.

#### **Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

- Curriculum Report – Assistant Superintendent Bradshaw presented information to the Board concerning power standards and curriculum. Curriculum Coordinators Heather Nutt and Paula Harris are working with teachers to review standards and prioritize/identify those power standards that are truly important for students to know. Dr. Bradshaw stated that how the power standards are taught can vary but that what is taught will be the same.

#### **Directors' Reports**

- Assessment and Accountability – Director Linn spoke with the Board concerning the assessment piece from the framework of what is being done with the standards. He presented a document that has the testing schedule for the year. Tests are being administered earlier, which gives teachers feedback earlier in the year so they can make adjustments and help students in the areas where they need it. On Accountability, there's been a shift in philosophy on how to support rather than punish those districts who are still struggling.

Dr. Lamey thanked Mr. Barger for his exemplary service as Board President 2016-2017, and for his ten years of service to the Board. This was Mr. Barger's last Board meeting, as he did not seek re-election. He served for 48 years in public education.

(Dr. Robinson left the meeting.)

#### **Executive Session**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

#### **Personnel Approval**

**Upon a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Acklin, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent at 7:58 p.m., as presented in the agenda:**

- Resignations
  - 1) Vickie White - Paraprofessional, Simon Middle School, effective January 1, 2018

- 2) Phoebe Church - Accounts Payable Clerk, Central Office, retiring effective December 31, 2017
- Elections
    - 1) #17-95 - Joanna Choate, Orchestra Teacher, Part-time (one semester only), Simon Middle School
    - 2) #17-116 - Allison Leigh Kersen, Part-time (.4285 FTE) Music Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School
    - 3) #18-02 - Lynda Meny Weather, Food Service Worker, Ida Burns Elementary
    - 4) #18-03 - Clara Caldwell, Food Service Worker, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
    - 5) #18-04 - Carole Evans, Food Service Worker, Carl Stuart Middle School
    - 6) #18-05 - Misty Phillips, Food Service Worker, Conway High School
    - 7) #18-06 - Patsy Glover, Food Service Worker, Conway Junior High
    - 8) #18-07 - Versett Dunmore, Food Service Assistant Manager, Julia Lee Moore Elementary
    - 9) #18-08 - Christina Campbell, Food Service Assistant Manager, Carolyn Lewis Elementary
    - 10) #18-11 - Jennifer Glover, Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional, Conway High School
    - 11) #18-20 - Tracy Marie Bane, Instructional Paraprofessional, Sallie Cone Preschool
    - 12) #18-24 - Amanda Anne Potts, Part-time (.75 FTE) Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School
    - 13) #18-25 - Sheila Wilkins, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Sallie Cone Preschool
    - 14) #18-26 - Debra Massey, Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional, Conway Junior High
    - 15) #18-27 - Lo-Lyn Parks, Food Service Worker, Conway High School
    - 16) #18-28 - Melina DeWitt, Food Service Worker, Ellen Smith Elementary
    - 17) #18-29 - Cozetta Pittman, Food Service Assistant Manager, Ellen Smith Elementary
    - 18) #18-32 - Katie Ray Martin, Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
    - 19) #18-33 - Catrina Parker, Special Education Paraprofessional, Simon Middle School
    - 20) #18-40 - Kaylyn Boyd, Custodian, CHS/Conway Area Career Center
    - 21) #18-42 - Miranda King, Teacher, Carolyn Lewis Elementary
    - 22) #18-44 - Ileka Gailey, Part-time Secretary/Paraprofessional, Sallie Cone Preschool

**Adjournment**

**No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:59 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Clements.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Adam Lamey  
Board President

/s/ Trip leach  
Board Secretary

APPROVED: October 10, 2017