

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

Members Present: Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. André Acklin, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Scott Champlin, Dr. Diane Robinson, Mrs. Amy Ferdowsian

Members Absent: Mr. Trip Leach

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

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

President Lamey welcomed Principal Harvey Benton, who introduced Aidan Eslinger, Student Representative of the Month from Carl Stuart Middle School. The son of Lamar and Nadia Eslinger, Aidan is in the sixth grade at Carl Stuart Middle School. His favorite subjects are reading and writing; his hobbies include writing, acting, and singing. In fact, he is a writer, playwright, producer, and director. His first book, *The Colorful Sky*, is available for purchase on Amazon or on his webpage at www.aidaneslinger.com. Aidan responded to questions from the Board and then 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. Acklin. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of List of Capital Assets Retired 7/01/2016-06/30/2017
- Approval of Act 1599 Resolution - Sam Huskey/Dr. Christy Huskey
- Approval of Petition for Transfer of Student - One child from Vilonia to Conway, filed by Teresa Lamendola
- The Board agreed to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Review Committee and Administration concerning student discipline.

Superintendent's Report

- Example of Living Out Our Core Values – CHS Principal Jason Lawrence introduced teacher Crystal Certain, Conway High School Art Teacher. After realizing some of her students were dealing with food insecurity, Ms. Certain brought the Little Free Pantry idea to her classroom. She established a food pantry closet and, after posting her idea on social media, the community embraced her project and within a week donations started coming in. Walmart is giving her a \$2,500 grant to help with the project. The pantry averages between 200 and 250 visits per day. Students not only take food, they also bring in donations. Ms. Certain stated that the biggest gift is that the students understand the importance of taking

care of each other. Ms. Certain is a perfect example of living out two of the District's Core Values: (1) Students First and (2) Maintaining a Safe and Caring Environment. Mr. Clements asked for a follow up report at the end of the year on how many students are being impacted – both being fed and being involved.

- Superintendent Murry recognized Mr. Acklin for being officially elected as the Region VIII Member of the ASBA State Board of Directors.
- Superintendent Murry recognized Dr. Robinson for attaining ASBA Outstanding Board Member Status by receiving at least 25 hours of professional development.
- Annual Report 2017 – Communication Specialist Heather Kendrick presented the 2017 Annual Report to the Board and to the public. The report is available on the District's website.
- District Profile 2017-2018 – Ms. Kendrick presented the 2017-2018 District Profile, which is also available on the website.
- Adoption of Resolution in Support of Waiver Request Affecting the Allowable First Day of School (A.C.A §6-10-106) – Superintendent Murry asked the Board to approve a resolution requesting that the first day of school in the 2018-2019 school year begin earlier.

A motion to adopt the Resolution in Support of a Waiver Request affecting the Allowable First Day of School, as presented, was made by Mrs. Ferdowsian and seconded by Mr. Champlin. The motion carried unanimously at 6:42 p.m.

- Adoption of Policy 1.21 - Date of Annual School Board Election – Superintendent Murry asked the Board to approve a new policy establishing the date for the Annual School Board Election.

A motion to adopt Policy 1.21 Date of Annual School Board Election, establishing the date of the Annual School Board Election, as presented, was made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Mr. Champlin. The motion carried unanimously at 6:44 p.m.

- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report for the month ending October 2017. Things continue to go well in the District.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Approval of Resolution Adopting the District's Facilities Master Plan dated February 1, 2018 - Assistant Superintendent Bishop reported that every other year, the District is required to submit a six-year facilities plan to the State. The plan includes enrollment projections, facilities, demographics, educational programs, support programs, maintenance activities, and construction projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Acklin to approve the Resolution Adopting the District's Facilities Master Plan dated February 1, 2018, as presented by Mr. Bishop. The motion carried unanimously at 6:48 p.m.

Personnel Approval

- Resignations
 - A. Bradford Pennington - Custodian, Conway Junior High, effective October 26, 2017

- B. Rebekah Hall - Teacher, Carolyn Lewis Elementary, effective October 27, 2017
- C. Alventena Cobb - Teacher, Simon Middle School, effective November 1, 2017
- D. Carl Jackson - Custodian, Theodore Jones Elementary, effective November 14, 2017
- E. Bonnie Sutton - Speech-Language Pathologist, Ida Burns Elementary, effective December 19, 2017
- F. Cole Welborn - Teacher, Theodore Jones Elementary, effective November 6, 2017
- Elections
 - A. #18-48 - Cynthia Curtis, Accounts Payable Clerk, District Central Office
 - B. #18-49 - Kayla Garretson, Custodian, Conway Junior High

A motion was made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian to approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent, as presented in the agenda. The motion carried unanimously at 6:48 p.m.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:49 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Adam Lamey
Board President

Trip Leach
Board Secretary

APPROVED: December 12, 2017