

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince Street  
January 9, 2018

**Members Present:** Dr. Adam Lamey, Mr. André Acklin, Mr. Trip Leach, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Scott Champlin, Mrs. Amy Ferdowsian

**Members Absent:** Dr. Diane Robinson

**Others Present:** Superintendent Greg Murry; Assistant Superintendents Carroll Bishop, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw; 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 5:59 p.m.

President Lamey welcomed Principal Cindy Thacker, who introduced Addison Smittle, Student Representative of the Month from Ida Burns Elementary. Ms. Thacker stated that Addison has a big heart for kindness. The daughter of Leslie and Scotty Smittle, Addison is in the fourth grade at Ida Burns. Her favorite subjects in school are reading and writing, and her favorite hobby is going to the library to take classes. Addison loves giving people the things they need. She shared some of the things she has done, like making care packages for the homeless. After interacting with the Board, Addison led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:07 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian.** Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Approval of Minutes - December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- Approval of Policies:
  - 1.2 Board Organization and Vacancies
  - 1.11 Board Member Training
  - 4.4 Student Transfers
  - 7.5 Purchases and Procurement
  - 7.17 Management and Disposal of District Property
  - 7.21 Food Service Prepayment
- Approval of Petitions for Transfer of Students:
  - Two children from Conway to Vilonia, filed by Michael Johnson
  - One child from Conway to Mayflower, filed by Lesley Russaw
  - Two children from Conway to Greenbrier, filed by Amy Reeves
  - One child from Conway to Vilonia, filed by Stacey Craig
  - One child from East End Bigelow to Conway, filed by Tammy Givens
- The Board agreed to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Review Committee and Administration concerning student discipline

### Superintendent's Report

- Living Out Our Core Values – Jim Stone Elementary Principal Mark Lewis introduced Assistant Principal Dr. Keisha Garland, who Mr. Lewis believes exemplifies the District's Core Value of *Valuing and Respecting Diversity*. Dr. Garland shared how she had been influenced by both her grandmother and her mother to seek out the child who looks, acts, moves differently and make sure they don't feel different. She was very touched that Mr. Lewis saw this value in her, and was honored to come before the Board and be recognized.
- Board Training Hours – As required by law, Superintendent Murry reported to the public the number of professional development training hours the Board members received in calendar year 2017. Board members shared their experiences at the recent National School Board Association training they attended in Denver.
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report for the month ending December 2017, stating that things continue to go well financially for our district.
- Board Appreciation – January is School Board Appreciation Month, and Heather Kendrick presented a video of students thanking the Board.

### Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Curriculum Report – Assistant Superintendent Bradshaw presented a brief curriculum and instruction update. Power standards were finalized in December. Teachers are now working on identifying learning indicators. Work is continuing on next gen science standards and on reading/grammar/language standards. New science courses are coming that are more application based. Superintendent Murry stated that later this month, the Board will have a Work Session that focuses on curriculum.

### Directors' Reports

- Proposed Policy Revisions – Director Linn reviewed the proposed changes to the following policies for the Board to consider and vote upon at the February 2018 Board meeting:
  - 4.1-Residence Requirements
  - 4.2-Entrance Requirements
  - 4.6-Homeschooling
  - 4.30-Suspension from School
  - 4.31-Expulsion
  - 4.50-School Lunch Modifications
  - 4.51-Food Service Prepayment
  - 4.52-Students who are Foster Children
  - 4.56-Extracurricular Activities - Secondary Schools
  - 4.56.1-Extracurricular Activities-Elementary

### 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 6:54 p.m., as presented:**

- Resignations
  1. Anthony Lyons, Jr. - Bus Aide, Transportation, effective December 12, 2017
  2. Jearl Looney - Bus Driver, Transportation, effective January 1, 2018
  3. Kyndell Rea - Teacher, Conway High School, retiring effective May 24, 2018
  4. Carroll Bishop - Assistant Superintendent, Administration Building, retiring effective end of the 2017-2018 contract year

- Elections
  1. #18-54 - Melody Renay Martin, Occupational Therapist (part-time), Conway Public Schools
  2. #18-55 - Ashley Wright, Elementary Teacher, Carolyn Lewis Elementary

**Executive Session** – At 6:54 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session to consider a personnel matter. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dr. Adam Lamey  
Board President

/s/ Trip Leach  
Board Secretary

APPROVED: February 13, 2018