

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince Street
May 8, 2018

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Greg Murry; Assistant Superintendents Carroll Bishop, Dr. 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

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

Superintendent Murry welcomed CHS Principal Jason Lawrence, who introduced Gopi Lukhi, the Student Representative of the Month. The daughter of Govind and Rasila Lukhi, Gopi is one of CHS' top 10 honor graduates. Mr. Lawrence listed numerous awards that Gopi has received. Ms. Lukhi is planning to attend the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa on the Presidential Merit Scholarship where she plans to major in Biology and Biochemistry, with a minor in Psychology. Ms. Lukhi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and responded to questions from the Board and Superintendent Murry.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2018
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Sale of Vehicles/Assets by Bid
- Approval of Policies
 - 4.56 Extracurricular Activities - Secondary Schools
 - 5.20 District Website
 - 5.22 Concurrent Credit
 - 5.29 Wellness Policy
 - 8.45 Classified Personnel Job Abandonment Policy
- Approval of 2018-2019 Student Handbook
- Approval of 2018-2019 Salary Schedules

Superintendent's Report

- Recognize Class of 2018 Top 10 Honor Graduates - Principal Lawrence recognized the following Top 10 Highest Honor Graduates from the Class of 2018, based on scores from 7 of 8 semesters: Gopi Govind Lukhi, Charles Aaron Rieth, Hunter Bowman Davis, Matthew Steven Depner, Catherine Rose Peppers, Jarrett Dean Hoover, Cole Dalton Hoover, John Quinn Odom, Casey Elizabeth Ott, and Tanner Daniel Ruth. The Board congratulated the students on their high achievement.
- Recognize Students with Perfect ACT Scores - Principal Lawrence introduced Gail Oudekerk and Archer Murray, two 11th grade students who took the ACT in February and made perfect scores. The Board congratulated these students on their outstanding accomplishment.

- Recognize Quiz Bowl Team - Principal Lawrence stated that over the last four years, Conway High School has won the state championship in the Quiz Bowl three times and was runner up one time. This year's state champion team was sponsored by Jacob Paxton and Paula McKee. The Board congratulated the following team members: Matt Depner, Hunter Davis, Harrison Hite, Kate Parrack, Nada Tolba, Archer Murray, Hunter Fleming, Mitchell Lovelady, and Tanner Ruth.
- Recognize Duke Tip Students – GT Supervisor Sally Stuart reported that the CPS District had 94 seventh-grade students enrolled in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Eighty-five of the Conway Duke Tip participants took the ACT exam; forty-one students qualified for state recognition based on ACT performance; seven qualified for national recognition. The Board congratulated Allison Bell, Arden Booy, Lucas Claflin, Bryan Crockett, John Ghormley, Sydney Hammond, Olivia Johnston, Kacie Koen, Abbott Kyle, Masyn Lovelady, Jackson McNair, Tanner New, Kavi Alekhya, Aaron Morales, Isani Patel, Shreyam Tripathi, Lexi Aikman, Ella Boudrie, Lilith Douglas, Anyah Draper, Emma Frazier, Charlotte Gordy, Hugh Hill, Antonia Jimenez, Dean Leonard, Madalyn Prince, Ella Raper, Emily Schluterman, Joseph Smith, Avery Smith, Chloe Smith, Mason Cooper, Alexander D'Agostino, Jack Derden, Leilani Hanson, John Kraft, Hayden Raycher, Isabel Ruckle, Sydney Stewart, Laura Tinsley, Miles Ulmer, and July Welky. Teachers who sponsored these students were Melissa Miller, Carl Stuart Middle School; Monica Flowers, Courtway Middle School; Shannon Bramlett, Ruth Doyle Middle School; and Donna Adolph, Simon Middle School.
- Recognize Stock Market Students – Ms. Stuart reported on CPS District students who participated in the Stock Market Game™, an online educational activity that introduces students to the financial markets with an integrated curriculum as they learn math, economics, and the importance of long-term saving and investing. Three fifth-grade students from Carl Stuart were recognized for their accomplishment: Liam Lamas, Kaleb Phillips, and Elliot Gray.
- 2018 CHS Yearbook Presentation - Principal Lawrence presented Wampus Cat 2018, Volume 72 to the Board. CHS once again received the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award. The yearbook's sponsor was Jamie Bratton and student editors were Nikki Corsere, Lauren Hall, and Allison Suits. The students presented copies of the yearbook to the Board members and Superintendent Murry.
- Review of End-of-Year Activities at CHS - Principal Lawrence gave an overview of numerous end-of-year activities going on at the high school, including banquets, concerts, award ceremonies, senior walk, and senior breakfast.
- GRADitude Project – Heather Kendrick presented a video of students participating in this year's senior walk.
- The following employees were introduced and recognized by Superintendent Murry:
 - Dr. Chris Barnes, 2018 Principal, Carl Stuart Middle School
 - Amy Howell, 2018 Assistant Principal, Ida Burns Elementary
 - Stephanie DeFoor, 2018 Assistant Principal, Jim Stone Elementary
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report, stating that everything continued to go well in the district.

Directors' Reports

- Policies for Review – Revisions to the following policies were presented for the Board to consider and vote upon at its June meeting:
 - #3.61 - Teaching During Planning Period and/or of More than the Maximum Number of Students Per Day
 - #4.35 - Student Health Services
 - #6.4 - Volunteers
 - #4.45 - Smart Core and Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020; Class of 2021 and Thereafter

- Presentation of School Action Plans – Director Linn presented the School Action Plans. He explained the process involved in developing the plans and how they will continue to be adjusted throughout the year.
- 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.

Mr. Clements made the motion to approve the Special Education Assurances and VI-B Budget Application, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leach and passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent at 7:12 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 1. Katelynn Whisnant, Teacher, Conway High School, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
 2. Patricia Oeste - Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School, retiring effective May 24, 2018
 3. Philip Bell - Teacher, Conway High School, retiring effective May 24, 2018
 4. Andrea Clark - Speech-Language Pathologist, Florence Mattison Elementary, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
 5. Sherry Edwards - Secretary, Jim Stone Elementary, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
 6. Robert Edwards - Band Director, Simon Middle School, effective May 24, 2018
 7. Jacquelyne Camper - Paraprofessional, Sallie Cone Preschool, retiring effective May 24, 2018
 8. Shannon Busby - Teacher, Conway High School, effective June 1, 2018
 9. Willie Morris - Custodian, Marguerite Vann Elementary, effective May 31, 2018
 10. Jacob Sisson - Instructional Facilitator, Carl Stuart Middle School, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year
 11. Mary Lybrand - Food Service Worker, Jim Stone Elementary, effective May 7, 2018
- Elections
 1. #18-62 - Seth Bard, Math Teacher, Conway Junior High School
 2. #18-79 - Keith Fimple, High School Football Coach
 3. #18-87 - Kelli Gordon, Supervisor, Special Education
 4. #18-88 - Dr. Tina Antley - Supervisor, Special Education
 5. #18-89 - Donna Story - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Administration
 6. #18-91 - Alyssa Walter, Kindergarten Teacher, Jim Stone Elementary

Mr. Acklin thanked Dr. Lamey for his ten years of service to the Board and presented him with a plaque for his exemplary service as Board President 2017-2018. This was Dr. Lamey's last Board meeting, as he did not seek re-election.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Ferdowsian and seconded by Dr. Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ André Acklin
Board President

/s/ Scott Champlin
Board Secretary

APPROVED: June 12, 2018