

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince Street  
August 14, 2018

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Superintendent Greg Murry; Assistant Superintendent K.K. Bradshaw; Directors: Jason Lawrence, Dr. Karen Lasker, Renee Bennett, Clint Ashcraft, Joel Linn, Kim DeCorte; Business Manager Zinnia Clanton; Communication Specialist Heather Kendrick; Recording Secretary Donna Story.

Board President Acklin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Murry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:02 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Mr. Leach.**

Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2018, Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid in July 2018
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Act 1599 Resolution
  - Donna Lyon/Donna Lyon
- Approval of the following In-District Petitions for Transfer:
  - One student from Greenbrier School District, filed by Jessica Burdess
  - One student from Vilonia School District, filed by Ashton Covington
  - One student from Vilonia School District, filed by LaPorcha Blankenship
  - One student from Vilonia School District, filed by Torey McManis
  - One student from Vilonia School District, filed by James A. Moore
  - One student from Pulaski County Special School District, filed by Clevelon Robertson
  - One student from Clinton School District, filed by Eric Morgan
  - Two students from North Little Rock School District, filed by James Keith Standiford
  - Two students from South Conway County School District, filed by Patrice Hawkins
- Approval of the following Out-of-District Petitions for Transfer:
  - One student to Mayflower School District, filed by Lee J. Walton
  - One student to Mayflower School District, filed by Heather Dilbeck
  - One student to Mayflower School District, filed by Perry and Francine Kelley

- One student to Mayflower School District, filed by William and Sarah Simone
- Three students to Mayflower School District, filed by Ashleigh Wilmoth
- One student to Mayflower School District, filed by Jennifer Forsyth
- Two students to Greenbrier School District, filed by Carol Hammond
- Two students to Greenbrier School District, filed by Derek Sherwood
- One student to Greenbrier School District, filed by Kevin Hood
- Two students to Greenbrier School District, filed by Shayla Fisk
- Two students to Greenbrier School District, filed by Jennifer Woodburn
- Two students to East End School District, filed by Tara May
- One student to South Conway County School District, filed by Shawna Dedman

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Back to School Report – Superintendent Murry reported that the start of school went well. He stated we had 9574 students on the first day. That number was an increase of 62 over last year. Superintendent Murry thanked the Board for attending the Chamber of Commerce Teachers' Fair and the Back-to-School Assembly in the Auditorium.
- Introduction of Scott Schwartz, Dean of Students at Conway High School – Superintendent Murry invited Principal Bing to introduce Scott Schwartz, Dean of Students. Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Bing, Superintendent Murry, and the School Board for the opportunity to work in this position for the Conway School District. Mr. Schwartz stated he will be working in the areas of tardies, truancies, and cell phones.
- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report for July. We are off to a good start. We have a delayed payment in federal programs that will soon be sent to us. A workshop is planned for the Board to review the budget.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. K.K. Bradshaw gave an update on the RISE implementation for the school year. She stated all kindergarten teachers were trained. All elementary assistant principals, instructional facilitators, and elementary assistant principals were trained as well. Kindergarten teachers must have three additional follow up days of professional development as well as multiple classroom observations.
- Assistant Superintendent Bradshaw introduced Heather Nutt to speak about RISE. Mrs. Nutt introduced the RISE program that is based on the Science of Reading and how the brain works. Mrs. Nutt showed an example of the difference between a word wall and a sound wall.

### **Directors' Reports**

- Director Jason Lawrence gave an update on the construction of the Carl Stuart and Courtway Safe Rooms and the proposed Guaranteed Maximum price on the project from Nabholz Construction Services. Courtway Middle School's Guaranteed Maximum is \$1,535,689 with an addition proposal to add canopies from the main building to the cafeteria and gym for \$61,359 as an alternate project. Carl Stuart Middle School's Guaranteed Maximum is \$1,768,549. The total of the Guaranteed Maximum price for both projects is \$3,487,673. The work can begin on August 20, 2018 with a completion date of June 15, 2019.

**Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the request for the Guaranteed Maximum Price on the Safe Room Projects at Carl Stuart and Courtway Middle Schools from Nabholz Construction Services and to add the alternate project at Courtway to add canopies from the main building to the cafeteria and gym. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leach and passed unanimously at 6:52**

- Director Jason Lawrence gave an update on safety. He stated that impact resistant glass doors at Jim Stone Elementary, Conway Junior High School, and Conway High School were installed. Mr. Lawrence stated that Crisis Plan manuals are being updated to be uniform throughout the district.
- Director Jason Lawrence gave an update on Jim Stone Elementary's renovation. Everything looks great. There are still a few things on the outside of the building that need to be completed.

### **Personnel Approval**

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent at 7:03 p.m., as presented in the agenda:**

- Resignations
  1. Amy Crow - Assistant Principal, Florence Mattison, effective July 11, 2018
  2. Sonya Stephens - Bus Driver, Transportation, effective July 3, 2018
  3. Corey Johnson - Food Service, Simon Middle School, effective June 26, 2018
  4. Kalen Cox - Clerical/Cafeteria Paraprofessional, Woodrow Cummins, effective for the 2018-2019 school year
  5. Abby Fleming - Teacher, Florence Mattison, effective July 19, 2018
  6. Carla Earls - JROTC Army Instructor, Conway Junior High School, effective July 26, 2018
  7. Carla White - Bus Driver, Transportation, effective for the 2018-2019 school year
  8. Sandra Harper - Paraprofessional, Conway High School, effective August 9, 2018
- Elections
  1. #18-98 - Diane Richards, Bus Driver, Transportation
  2. #18-99 - Julie Garcia, PreSchool Paraprofessional Part-time, ABC Preschool
  3. #18-126 - Emma Pruitt, Social Worker, Conway Junior High/High School
  4. #18-148 - Leah Fimple, PreSchool Paraprofessional Part-time, ABC Preschool
  5. #15-152 - Da'Nae Smith, Elementary Instructional Facilitator, Jim Stone Elementary
  6. #18-159 - Kimberly Sutterfield Farris, Special Education Teacher, Conway High School
  7. #18-180 - Andrea Pulver, Administrative Secretary, Conway Public Schools Annex
  8. #18-181 - Brick Cullum, Social Studies Teacher, Conway High School
  9. #18-183 - Carey McClain, Clerical/Cafeteria Paraprofessional, Jim Stone Elementary
  10. #18-184 - Mical Johnson, Math Teacher, Conway Junior High School
  11. #18-188 - Barbara Flint, Elementary Teacher, Florence Mattison
  12. #18-189 - Jaycee Walsh, Food Service Assistant Manager, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
  13. #18-190 - Kimberly Bales, Food Service Worker, Conway Junior High School
  14. #18-191 - Juanita Rodriguez, Food Service Worker, Jim Stone Elementary

15. #18-193 - Harley Willis, Food Service Worker, Julia Lee Moore Elementary
16. #18-195 - Jennifer Dozier, Science Teacher (8th-9th), Conway Junior High School
17. #18-196 - Julia Groce, Elementary Teacher, Carolyn Lewis Elementary
18. #18-197 - Alisa Kimbrough, Elementary Teacher, Theodore Jones Elementary
19. #19-01 - Jamie Howard, Special Education Teacher (1:10), Simon Middle School
20. #19-02 - Joni Murray, Elementary Teacher, Ellen Smith Elementary
21. #19-03 - Shanda New, Assistant Principal, Florence Mattison Elementary
22. #19-04 - Lance Yerby, Bus Driver, Transportation
23. #19-05 - Daniel Priest, Bus Driver, Transportation
24. #19-06 - Angie Wright, Special Education Teacher, Ruth Doyle Middle School
25. #19-08 - Nicole Rogoff, Elementary Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elementary
26. #19-10 - Kendall Leding, Special Education Paraprofessional, Florence Mattison Elementary
27. #19-11 - Amanda Langston, Elementary Teacher, Florence Mattison Elementary
28. #19-13 - Sandra Doggett, Special Education Teacher, Conway High School
29. #19-14 - Thomas McDonald, Orchestra Part-time (2 class periods), Simon Middle School
30. #19-15 - Tasha Foshee, Paraprofessional, Ruth Doyle Middle School
31. Peggy Town, District Hourly Employee
32. Ann Jackson, Bus Aide, Transportation
33. Gabrielle Cain, Bus Aide, Transportation
34. Alphonso Credit, Bus Aide, Transportation
35. Deanna Tyler, Food Service Worker, Marguerite Vann Elementary
36. Angela Wright, Food Service Assistant Manager, Conway Junior High School

**Adjournment**

**No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:03 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Leach and seconded by Mr. Clements.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andre' Acklin  
President

/s/ Scott Champlin  
Board Secretary

APPROVED: September 11, 2018