

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

Superintendent Murry welcomed Principal Debi Avra, who introduced Ellie Feng, Student Representative of the Month from Ruth Doyle Middle School. The daughter of Yu Sun and Zhiden Feng, Ellie is in the seventh grade. Her favorite subject in school is math. Her hobbies are dance and playing the viola and piano. Ellie talked about her love for the school and her academic accomplishments including being on the Quiz Bowl Team. Ellie led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved at 6:08 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Leach and seconded by Mrs. Ferdowsian.

Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2018, Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of the List of Bills Paid in September 2018
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Certification of Statement of Assurance/Compliance with Arkansas Law
- Approval of Certification of Statement of Assurance/Driver's Education
- Approval of ADE Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan
- Approval of Act 1599 Resolution
- Approval of the following Petitions for Transfer:
 - One student from East End School District, filed by Elizabeth Callaway
 - One student to Vilonia School District, filed by Kirsten Oesau
 - One student to Vilonia School District, filed by Sammi Jo Begley
 - Two students to Mayflower School District, filed by Meagan Leigh
- The Board agreed to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Review Committee and Administration concerning student discipline.

Superintendent's Report

- Introduction of 2018 National Blue Ribbon School – Superintendent Murry invited Principal Dayna Lewis, Woodrow Cummins Elementary to talk about the application process of the National Blue Ribbon School Award. Principal Lewis stated Woodrow Cummins is one of three schools to win this honor in the state of Arkansas and one of 349 nationwide. The Board and Superintendent Murry congratulated Principal Lewis on her outstanding accomplishment.
- Introduction of National Merit Scholars – Superintendent Murry invited Principal Bing, Conway High School, to present the District’s six National Merit Semifinalists. The Board congratulated Hunter Fleming, Mary Katherine Freyaldenhoven, Jovoni Johnson, Kendon Moline, Archer Murray, and Abigail Oudekerk on their outstanding accomplishments.
- Presentation of Report to the Public – Superintendent Murry invited Heather Kendrick, Communication Specialist, to present the 2018 Annual Report to the Board and to the public. The report highlighted the schools, students, athletics, staff, diversity, innovative educational opportunities, cultivating community relationships, and safe and caring environment.
- Selection of ASBA Delegate Assembly Representative/Legislative Liaison – Mr. Bill Clements, School Board Member, was nominated to be the representative.

Mr. Champlin made the motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Bill Clements as the Board’s representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and passed unanimously at 6:39 p.m.

- Board Financial Report – Superintendent Murry presented the financial report for September. Superintendent Murry stated that the district is doing well.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Community Service Learning Plan – Assistant Superintendent Bradshaw invited Assistant Principal Jacob Smith, Conway High School, to speak about the plan. Assistant Principal Smith presented an overview of how the Community Service Learning Plan will affect the Conway High School and the community.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Clements, the Board unanimously approved the Community Service Learning Plan as presented at 6:48 p.m.

- Curriculum and Instruction Update – Assistant Superintendent invited Kelly Blair, Interventionist, Ida Burns Elementary and Lindsay Bradshaw, Instructional Science Facilitator, Conway High School/Conway Junior High School to speak about their roles in supporting students and teachers in curriculum and instruction.

Director’s Report

- Gifted & Talented and Advanced Placement Report – Director Renee Bennett invited Sally Stuart, Gifted & Talented Supervisor to present the Gifted and Advanced Placement Report to the Board. Ms. Stuart highlighted the GT Program, AGATE, AP Report for 2017-18 and comparison of the years, Five Year Summary, and Equity Plan.

Personnel Approval

Upon a motion made by Mr. Champlin and seconded by Dr. Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations of the Superintendent at 7:11 p.m., as presented in the agenda:

- Resignations
 1. Carolyn McCray – Bus Driver, Transportation, effective September 17, 2018
 2. Amy Hubbard – Bus Driver, Transportation, effective September 28, 2018
 3. DeLanna Lacy – Principal, Ellen Smith, effective June 14, 2019
- Elections
 1. #19-16 – Daniel Mangum, Bus Driver, Transportation

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Mr. Leach.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andre' Acklin
President

/s/ Scott Champlin
Board Secretary

APPROVED: November 13, 2018