

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
January 12, 2010

Members present: Mr. Chuck Shipp, Dr. Quentin Washispack, Mrs. Susan McNabb, Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Carl Barger, and Dr. Adam Lamey.

Others present: Sup't. Greg Murry, Assistant Sup't. Carroll Bishop; Directors: Dr. David Westmoreland, Peggy Woosley, Dianne Allen, Charlotte Vann, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Ruth Ann Williams, Nick Stroman; Judy Harper, secretary, and Courtney Spradlin, Log Cabin Democrat Reporter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pres. Lewis.

Sup't. Murry introduced Student Representative Justin Murdock to the Board and welcomed him and his mom, Lisa Murdock to the meeting. Justin is a sophomore at CHSE. He is active in the Spanish Club, Student Congress, drama, and is a recipient of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Washispack. Motion carried unanimously. Items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of minutes, December 8, 2009
2. Approval of minutes, January 7, 2010
3. Approval of Section 1, Board Governance and Operations Policies 1.7 and 1.9
4. Approval of the list of bills paid in December 2009

Superintendent's Report

Sup't. Murry recognized LTC (Ret) Thomas H. Speck and 1SG (Ret) Thomas L. North, CHS JROTC instructors. The JROTC program had their very first formal inspection and earned the title of Honor Unit with Distinction, the highest level a JROTC unit can score. The gold star worn on the student's uniforms signifies this honor. The students scored 982 points out of a possible 1000. The program was inspected in 10 different areas. Cadet command inspectors from Fort Sam Houston, TX, and the UCA Senior ROTC faculty conducted the inspection.

Sup't. Murry told the Board the Arkansas Department of Education would carry out a site visit January 19th and 20th. They will determine if the district is following the standards set by the State of Arkansas. He will tell the results of their visit to the Board after the ADE sends us their report.

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10 Year Facilities Master Plan

Assistant Sup't. Bishop shared information with the Board about the public meeting held in support of the 10 year plan. Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the 10 Year Facilities Master Plan to be submitted to the Division of Public Schools Facilities and Transportation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McNabb and passed unanimously. Copy of resolution is attached.

Approval of Construction Manager for CHSW Reconstruction

Pres. Lewis called for a motion to approve the engagement of Nabholz as the Construction Manager for the Conway High School West reconstruction project. Mrs. McNabb so moved; motion was seconded by Mr. Washispack and passed unanimously. Nabholz's fee is 3 ¾% plus reimbursables for their services.

Approval to Purchase Two Buses

Assistant Sup't. Bishop told the Board the district had received bids from two vendors, Diamond State Bus Sales and Central States Bus Sales, Inc., for two Type C Special Ed School Busses. Central States Bus Sales, Inc. submitted the lower bid of \$173,990.00. Mr. Clements made a motion to purchase the busses from Central States Bus Sales, Inc. for \$173,990.00 contingent upon approval from the appropriate authorizing agencies with the Arkansas Department of Education. Mr. Shipp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Copy of bid attached.

Approval for Restructuring of Bonds

Scott Beardsley with Crews & Associates, Inc. recapped the sale of the \$21,210,000 Refunding Bond Issue dated January 1, 2010. The bonds sold December 16, 2009. Five bids were received and Morgan Keegan & Company purchased the bonds for an interest rate of 4.096898%. Bank of the Ozarks in Little Rock is the trustee for the bonds. The closing date for the bonds is January 21, 2010 in the offices of Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. The district will save \$682,075.43 in debt service payments the first 2 years on this refunding. The money saved will be used toward the CHSW reconstruction cost. Mr. Lamey made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and delivery of the \$21,210,000, Conway School District No. 1 of Faulkner County, Arkansas, Refunding Bond Issue dated January 1, 2010 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Mr. Barger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Flowchart and Timeline for EOC Assessments

Peggy Woosley presented a flowchart to the Board for the initial EOC assessments for 2009-2010. Every student enrolled in Algebra I this year must pass the EOC Algebra High Stakes Exam that will be given in May before they can graduate. The flowchart details remediation and retesting for students who don't pass the test; there are multiple opportunities for students to retake the test and graduate from high school. Students who

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don't pass the test may pass the course and progress to the next course while being remediated.

Policies for Review

Peggy Woosley presented revisions to the following policies in Section 5, Curriculum for review by the Board: 5.4, 5.6, 5.11, 5.12, 5.15, 5.16 and rescission of 5.16.1

Assistant Sup't. Bishop presented revisions to policy 7.14 and new policy, 7.16, Information Technology Security to the Board for review. A vote on all the policies is requested at the February meeting.

Board Report

Sup't. Murry told the Board the district's finances are on target for the period. The current balance in the operating fund is \$15.7 million.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned into executive session for discussion of personnel issues. In open session, Pres. Lewis called for a motion to approve the following resignations and elections as recommended by the Superintendent:

Resignations:

David Jackson - Custodian

Elections:

Toris Lambert - Bus Driver
Rodney McCoy - Bus Driver
Tara Gilkey - Transportation Aide
Adrianna Cummins - Transportation Aide

Mr. Barger so moved; Mr. Shipp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

No further business to come before the Board, Mr. Washispack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. McNabb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Lewis, President

Bill Clements, Secretary