

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
June 9, 2009

Members present: Mr. Adam Lamey, Mr. Chuck Shipp, Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, Mrs. Lena Hancock, Mr. Bill Clements, Mrs. Susan McNabb and Sup't. Murry.

Members absent: Mr. Carl Barger.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Pres. Hancock at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Shipp, the minutes of the May 12, 2009, regular board meeting were unanimously approved.

The Superintendent's Report

- Donna Whiting, Director of Gifted and Talented Programs, introduced the students who were identified as T.I.P. (Talent Identification Program) students by Duke University. The Duke region covers 16 states in the southeastern and southern United States. This year 25 seventh graders received State Recognition for their scores on the college entrance exams, the ACT or SAT, normally taken by juniors and seniors. The students from BCMS are Kyle Alexander, Russell Bryan, Kaleb Crow, Adam Freyaldenhoven, Lincoln Gimnich, Kristian Lenser, Madison Shaw, Mason Shaw, Chance Smith, Olivia Tzeng, and Jackson Vanderslice. The students from CSMS are Jacob Bass, Kaylyn Boyd, William Bryden, Emily Fahr, Rebekah Fruechting, Brandon Gilmore, Atlanta Holm, Colby Kinggard, Katherine Murphy, Mariah Oates, Rebecca Philpott, John Shell, Morgan Sweere, and Kyler Tipton. Jackson Vanderslice and Rebekah Fruechting also qualified for Grand Recognition at Duke University. For State Recognition the students must have scored at the 50th percentile or above. The scores for the 2 students that qualified for Grand Recognition are comparable to 90% of the juniors and seniors taking the tests. They represent 2% of the students at this grade level in this program.
- Sup't. Murry told the Board that Conway High School was listed as one of 1500 best public high schools in the nation, and was ranked fifth of eight Arkansas schools identified by "Newsweek". This is the first time Conway has been selected and this was one of his academic goals when he was elected Superintendent 2 years ago.
- Sup't. Murry told the audience that there would be 2 seats open on the board for the school election this fall. Both Lena Hancock's and Susan McNabb's terms expire in September. Lena is not seeking reelection to her position.
- Sup't. Murry also recognized Ann York, Director of Elementary Education. Ann is retiring this month after 24 years in education in the Conway School District.
- Joel Linn was introduced to the Board by Sup't. Murry. He is the new principal at the CHSE campus.

Board Policies for Vote

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Clements, the Board unanimously approved certified policies 3.4 and 3.50 and classified policy 8.29. Student policies 4.2, 4.7, 4.14, 4.22, 4.29, 4.31, 4.38, 4.45, 4.49, 4.45.1 were unanimously approved as presented on a motion from Mrs. Lewis and a second from Mrs. McNabb.

Revision to the 2009-2010 School Calendar

Mr. Lamey made a motion to add five inclement weather days to the end of the calendar previously approved for the 2009-2010 school year as required by Act 1469 of 2009. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McNabb and passed unanimously.

Elementary and Secondary Academic Achievements

- Ann York highlighted some of the successful programs accomplished by the elementary students this year. Programs focused on academics with character education and students participated in a community service project to buy chickens to help sustain an acceptable quality of life in Kenya, district art show at the Faulkner County Library, chess regional competition at Arch Ford, quiz bowl competition, and a public speaking regional competition. There were 160 pre-school graduates and 696 fourth grade students transitioning into mid level education.
- Peggy Woosley reviewed the list of honors, recognitions and awards the secondary students have achieved. They included 10 Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars, a perfect 36 on the ACT, many awards received in Engineering, HOSA competitions, AP Calculus, Chemistry, Science Fair, Arkansas Young Artist, National Spanish State Exam, and the National Board Exam for Emergency Technicians and \$3.6 million was received in scholarships by the graduating class.
- Coach Bolding reported the achievements attained by the athletic students included one state championship, 5 state runner-ups and 9 conference championships. They also received the All Sports Award for 2008-2009.

Elementary Handbook for Study

Ann York presented the elementary handbook to the Board for their study and vote at the July meeting.

Turf Project Bid

- Pres. Hancock called for a motion to approve the recommendation of the administration to award the contract for the installation of turf and goal posts at John McConnell Stadium to Hellas Construction for \$347,130 and \$8,950 respectively. Mr. Clements so moved; Mrs. Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendation of the administration to award the drainage work at John McConnell Stadium to Legacy Links for \$59,726; Mr. Shipp seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Clements made a motion to name the field at John McConnell Stadium the Centennial Bank Field. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis and passed unanimously. The field was named in recognition of the bank's significant donation of \$125,000, approximately ¼ of the cost, to this project. No tax dollars were used for this undertaking.

Finance Report

Sup't. Murry told the Board the finance report for the month ending May 31, 2009 was a positive reflection on the status of the district's finances.

Bills Paid in May 2009 – A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. McNabb to approve the list of bills paid in May 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to executive session for the purpose of considering personnel recommendations. In open session, the following board action was taken:

Resignations –

Donna Whiting	-	GT Director, RETIRING
Mickey Siler	-	Principal, CHSE, RETIRING
Sandy Clark	-	Teacher, CSMS, RETIRING
Betty Lockhart	-	Teacher, Ruth Doyle Intermediate, RETIRING
Leigh Ann Wells	-	Teacher, Julia Lee Moore Elem.
Diane Smith	-	Teacher, CHSW
James Owen	-	Teacher, CHSW
Virginia Weaver	-	Food Service
Carolyn Bridgman	-	Food Service
Patricia Bowers	-	Bus Driver
Houston McCray	-	Custodian

A motion was made by Mr. Shipp and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to accept the resignations. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-renewal –

Ivona Jackson	-	Teacher
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A motion was made by Mrs. McNabb and seconded by Mr. Shipp to approve the non-renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

Re-elections –

Sherry Edwards	-	Bookkeeper/Secretary, Theodore Jones Elem.
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Christina Massingill - Art Teacher

The reelections were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. McNabb.

Elections –

Michelle Dismuke - Teacher, Ida Burns Elem., 09-46
Shannon Slayton - Elem. Literacy Coach, 09-51
Andrea Bailey - Physical Education/Health Teacher and Assistant High School Volleyball Coach, 09-52
Kimberly Hoffman - Elem. Guidance Counselors, 09-39
Susie Harvison - Elem. Guidance Counselors, 09-39
Kimmala Glusica - Teacher, Florence Mattison Elem., 09-44
Amanda McCoy - Music Teacher, Jim Stone Elem., 09-36
Archie Hoskins - Custodian, 09-41
Derek Gwatney - Custodian, 09-41
Floyd Weatherley - Carpenter Tradesman, 09-43
Ryan Raup - Elementary Teacher, 09-45

The elections were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. McNabb.

No further business to come before the Board, Pres. Hancock called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clements so moved; Mr. Shipp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lena Hancock, Pres.

Mrs. Susan McNabb, Secretary