

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
January 10, 2012

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

Others present: Sup't. Murry and Assistant Sup't. Bishop; Directors: Dianne Allen, Charlotte Vann, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Debbie Miller, Dr. David Westmoreland, and Nick Stroman; Business Manager Zinnia Clanton, Recording Secretary Judy Harper, and Courtney Spradlin, Log Cabin Democrat Reporter.

Pres. Clements called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Sup't. Murry introduced Student Representative of the Month, Lucas French. Lucas is a 4th grade student at Julia Lee Moore Elementary School. Science class and reading are his favorite subjects. He participates in the Chess Club, G/T, Destination Imagination, walk-run club, plays the guitar, legos, football, and enjoys hunting with his dad and going to the lake house. Lucas led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He is a son of Bobby and Ericka French.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Dr. Washispack and seconded by Dr. Lamey. Items listed on the consent agenda were

1. minutes of the December 13, 2011, regular board meeting
2. the list of bills paid in December 2011 and
3. a proposal to advertise transportation busses and equipment for bid.

Superintendent's Report

Sup't. Murry introduced the 2011-2012 National Board Certified Teachers: Antwan Criswell, Cindy Derosa, Mary Hart, Jeremy Lowe, and Angel Moix. This brings the total of NBCT in this district to 44.

The Board heard a report from Lauren Cain, a senior at CHS. She has applied for a \$5,000 Vegetarian scholarship from the Vegetarian Resource Group. One of the requirements of the scholarship is to promote vegetarianism in the community and school. She and Sharon Burgess collaborated to offer the option of a meatless lunch along with a separate meat line to the students at CHS. Ninety students purchased the vegetarian lunch. This experimental lunch program indicated that many students enjoyed the meatless menu.

Presentation of the District's Technology Plan

Dr. K.K. Bradshaw reviewed the district's technology plan for the next three years, 2012-2015. The plan covers current technology assessment, professional development, goals,

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objectives and strategies and implementation of the plan and an estimated plan budget. The Board was asked to study the plan and vote at the February board meeting.

Update on Construction Projects

Assistant Sup't. Bishop reported on the district's construction projects:

1. CHS – construction is on target for the estimated completion date. The roof is almost complete and sheetrock is being installed.
2. Carolyn Lewis Elementary School – utilities are being connected to the school and construction is on schedule for the school to open in the fall.
3. Safe room projects – the plans are 95% complete and the project is close to being ready for bid.
4. Career Center projects – An 11,288 sq. ft. building housing a culinary arts lab and a medical professions lab and 4 classroom will be build directly behind the current cafeteria. The estimated completion date is August 2012. Mr. Stroman, Director of the Career Center, has separate funding (no millage monies) for this construction.
 - A motion was made by Dr. Lamey to approve Nabholz Construction as the Construction Manager for the Career Center project. Motion was seconded by Dr. Washispack and passed unanimously.
 - A motion to approve Witsell, Evans & Rasco Architectural Firm as the architects for the Career Center project was made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Shipp. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion to approve the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,306,508 presented by Nabholz for the construction of the Career Center project was made by Mr. Acklin and seconded by Mrs. McNabb. Motion passed unanimously.
5. District Facilities Master Plan Resolution – a motion was made by Mr. Barger to approve the district's Facilities Master Plan and resolution presented by Mr. Bishop. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McNabb and and carried unanimously.

Discussion of Transition to a Standards Based Report Card

Learning expectations incorporated in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) have made it necessary to revise the grading systems to reflect those changes. The Common Core State Standards for grades K-2 were implemented in August of 2011. The new standards promote in depth critical thinking and focus on skill development and standards of proficiency instead of a grade. Conway has been using a standards-based report card for kindergarten students but with the implementation of Common Core, this report card is now being used through grade two. A standards-based report card measures an individual student's knowledge and application of the standards at their grade level. Three performance levels of mastery are used: meeting/exceeding standards; approaching standards; and performing below standards. The report card also provides information on a student's behavior and work habits. The goal of this report card is to provide parents with the best educational information about their child's academic

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learning. Refinement of the report card may occur as teachers review and update curriculum.

Curriculum and Instruction Policies for Study

Proposed changes to Policies 5.4-Staff Development Program, 5.12-Promotion/Retention-Elementary Grades K-4 and 5.15-Grading were presented for study to the Board. The Board will be asked to vote on the proposed changes at the February board meeting.

Business and Financial Management Policy for Study

Proposed changes to Policy 7.12-Expense Reimbursement was presented to the Board for study. The Board will be asked to vote on the proposed policy changes at the February meeting.

Board Financial Report

The Board heard an informational summary financial report for the period ending December 31, 2011 from Sup't. Murry. All fund balances continue to be strong.

Executive Session

The Board recessed for executive session for the discussion of personnel. The meeting reconvened in open session and Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve the following recommendation as presented by Sup't. Murry:

Resignation -

Alveta Embry - Food Service

Mr. Barger so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. McNabb to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Acklin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Bill Clements, President

Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary