

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince St.  
June 8, 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. Murry, Assistant Sup't. Bishop, Directors: Dianne Allen, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Charlotte Vann, Dr. David Westmoreland, Nick Stroman, and Athletic Director-elect Steve Daniels; Zinnia Clanton, Judy Harper, and Log Cabin Democrat Reporter Courtney Spradlin.

Pres. Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Clements made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Dr. Washispack and passed unanimously. Items on the consent agenda included

1. Approval of minutes of May 11, 2010, board meeting
2. Approval of the list of bills paid in May 2010
3. Approval of Act 1599 Ethics Resolutions
4. Approval of job descriptors
5. Approval of Section 7 Business and Financial Management Policies 7.2, 7.5, 7.17 and 7.18

**Superintendent's Report**

The Board heard a report from Will Richardson about the results of the State History Day competition held in April at UCA. Conway High School East will send 17 students to National History Day competition June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C. and the University of Maryland. Carl Stuart Middle School will be sending 5 students to compete. The Board extended their best wishes to the students for a successful event.

**Patron Comments**

Chris Boudreaux, representing the Faulkner County Tea Party, read a statement listing their concerns about the 2012 Project and fiscal responsibility of the proposed new facilities and millage increase "without an adequate opportunity for the public to understand fully the proposal and obtain responses to questions and concerns." The Board thanked him for his comments. Sup't. Murry is scheduled to meet with the Tea Party to field questions about 2012 at their regularly scheduled monthly forum this month.

**Sept. 21, 2010 School Election Ballot Approval**

Dr. Washispack made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lamey, to adopt the resolution with the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 to and including June 30, 2012 as printed. Motion passed unanimously. The

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total proposed school tax levy of 38.1 mills is an increase of 1.9 mills over the current tax rate. It includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, 10.17 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, and 2.93 new debt service mills. 1.03 of the 2.93 new debt service mills is a transfer of 1.03 existing maintenance and operation mills to debt service. The purpose of the proposed bond issue is to refund the May 1, 2006, November 1, 2006, and September 1, 2007 bonds and to construct and equip new high school and elementary school buildings, and for constructing, refurbishing, remodeling and equipping other school facilities. Copy attached.

Mr. Clements made a motion to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for an \$81,245,000 Refunding and Construction Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent. Motion was seconded by Dr. Washispack and carried unanimously.

#### **School Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee Report**

The Board heard a report from acting Athletic Director Daniels concerning school nutrition and physical activity. There are 5 different modules that each of the school's health coordinators is responsible for completing. The modules are similar to a scorecard identifying the strengths and weaknesses. The School Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee is a resource for the schools to use to correct the identifiable weaknesses.

#### **Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Report**

Dr. David Westmoreland gave the Annual Closing the Achievement Gap Report. The differences in the test scores for African American and Caucasian students remain significant. The Closing the Achievement Gap Committee recommends early intervention services, instructional technology labs, literacy specialists, literacy and math professional development for literacy and math staff members in secondary schools, literacy coaches, math coaches, the development of Academic Improvement Plans for students scoring basic or below basic on the Benchmark will be coordinated by literacy and math coaches, peer tutoring, and before/after school tutoring to reduce the differences in the average test scores among the diverse populations.

#### **Conway Public Schools Annex Bids**

A motion to approve the 'All Phases Bid' for \$1,302,850 for the renovation of the administrative annex carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Shipp. Tru-Star Construction is the construction manager-general contractor for the project.

#### **Stimulus Plan Update**

Charlotte Vann reported on projected expenditures for the remaining Stimulus monies. The current balance in the renovation/modernization budget is \$675,101. The installation of fresh air is the remaining project. Title I has a current balance of \$995,475. The

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activities for this project include summer school for K-4 students, professional development, technology, materials and supplies. Special Education budget has a balance of \$673,101. This money will be used for professional development, technology, equipment, school psychology interns, support for specific projects, and improvement of instruction.

### **Legal Transfers**

A motion that the Board only consider petitions for legal transfers at the August and December regular School Board Meetings was made by Mr. Barger. Motion was seconded by Dr. Lamey and passed unanimously.

### **Board Report**

Sup't. Murry reported on the financial status of the district. Anticipated revenue is coming in just above projections and expenditures are just below budget. He expects to end the year with a balanced budget.

### **Executive Session**

The meeting recessed for executive session for discussion of personnel items. The meeting was reconvened in open session by Pres. Lewis. She called for a motion to approve the resignations and hiring of personnel as recommended by the Superintendent:

#### **Resignations:**

Susan Childers	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., RETIRING
Mary-Phillip Howse	- Teacher, Sallie Cone Elementary
Gloria Mabry	- Assistant Principal, BCMS, RETIRING
Da'Nae Ross	- Teacher, Florence Mattison Elem., ABC Prog.
Shane Hardy	- Bus Driver
Suzanne Kunkel	- Teacher, CHS

### **Summer School Teacher Elections June 10 – July 8, 2010:**

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### **Summer School Teacher Elections June 21 – July 16, 2010:**

Rosa Abernathy	Dana Autry	Sherry Boucher
Brenda Burgess	Amanda Coleman	Cindy DeRosa
Bart Dooley	Kristy Green	D'Anne Easton
Cheryl Harbison	Saba Harris	Mary Winter Hart
Terry Haugen	Sarah Hefley	Kim Hughes
Ferris Jackson	Sheila Jeffries	Marcia Johnson
DeLanna Lacy	Anita Mathis	Tori Miller
Angel Moix	Kim Moore	Melinda Murtha
Heather Nutt	Julie Phillips Olson	Nancy Osborn
Anita Reynolds	Christina Rye	Jacob Sisson
Dustin Smith	Michele St. John	Holly Vint

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Donna Wilchie

Jackye Wilder

Tammy Woosley

**CPEP Teachers June 7 – July 2, 2010:**

Krista Ryken

Dax Hill

Darlene Sowers

Debbie Young

Suzanne McKay

Troy Larkins

Staci Maull

Crystal Harris

**Elections:**

Kevin DeStafano

- Middle School Social Studies Teacher, #10-51

Jefferson Heath Dow

- Elementary Teacher, #10-55

Randy Wiedmaier

- Construction Technology Teacher, #10-57

Monica Hutchison

- Elementary Music Teacher, #10-61

Linda Newsom

- Admin. Secretary/Bookkeeper, #10-62

Ashley Nance

- Health Teacher & Head High School Girls  
Basketball Coach, #10-63

Cecelia Bennett

- Intermediate School Principal, #10-64

Karen Lasker

- Middle School Principal, #10-65

Amy Jordan

- Middle School Assistant Principal, #10-73

Melia Tate

- Elementary Teacher, #10-67

Amy Allen

- Elementary Teacher, #10-67

(Mr. Shipp had another commitment and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. He was not present for the vote.) Pres. Lewis called for a motion to approve the resignations and hiring of personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Dr. Washispack so moved; Mr. Barger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A motion to allow the Superintendent to transfer employees in accordance with A.C.A. 6-17-303 as is in the best interest of the district was made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Mrs. McNabb. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. McNabb and seconded by Dr. Lamey. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carolyn Lewis, President

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Bill Clements, Secretary