

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince St.  
October 19, 2010

Members present: Mr. Andre' Acklin, Mrs. Susan McNabb, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Carl Barger, Dr. Quentin Washispack, and Dr. Adam Lamey. Mr. Chuck Shipp was attending a school function with his daughter and arrived at the meeting about 7:15.

Others present: Sup't. Murry, Assistant Superintendent Bishop; Directors: Dianne Allen, Charlotte Vann, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Peggy Woosley, Ruth Ann Williams, and Dr. David Westmoreland; GT Supervisor Donna Whiting, Business Manager Zinnia Clanton, Recording Secretary Judy Harper, and Courtney Spradlin, Log Cabin Democrat Reporter.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Susan McNabb.

Sup't. Murry introduced Quentin Canada, Student of the Month, to the Board. Quentin is an eighth grade student at Bob Courtway Middle School. He is active in the band, drama club, jazz band, Dixie Band Camp, MOCQ, football team, plays the trombone, placed All Region 1<sup>st</sup> Chair, All Region Band and is the Student Council President. He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Canada. Quentin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Re-organization of the Board**

Mr. Barger made a motion to elect Bill Clements as President, Susan McNabb as Vice-President, and Chuck Shipp as Secretary of the school board. Motion was seconded by Dr. Lamey and passed unanimously.

#### **Appointment of Primary Board Disbursing Officer**

A motion to appoint Chuck Shipp as the Primary Board Disbursing Officer in accordance with Act 671 of 2003 was made by Dr. Washispack and seconded by Mrs. McNabb. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Dr. Lamey. Items on the consent agenda included

1. approval of the minutes of the Sept. 14, 2010, board meeting
2. approval of the list of bills paid in September 2010
3. approval of the purchase order to Simplex Grinnell, Inc. for fire safety services for 2010-2011
4. approval of the purchase of 3 busses from Diamond State Bus Company and
5. approval to retire the list of fixed assets.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

The Teacher of the Year from each school in the district was recognized by Sup't. Murry: Conway Adult Education Center – Kathy Camp, CHSW – Paula Harris, CHSE – Buck Bing and Amy Westjohn, CSMS – Denise Bradley, BCMS – Treva Widner, Ruth Doyle

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Intermediate – Sarah Coker, Woodrow Cummins Elem. – Dustin Smith, Ida Burns Elem. – Tiffany Dunlap, Julia Lee Moore Elem. – Anita Mathis, Sallie Cone Elem. – Michelle Sutterfield, Florence Mattison Elem. – Stephanie Defoor, Ellen Smith Elem. – Sherry Griffith, Marguerite Vann Elem. – Michelle St. John, Jim Stone Elem. – Karen Carney, Theodore Jones Elem. – Tina Glover, and Simon Intermediate – Kathy Powers. Kathy was also chosen the District Teacher of the Year and is a finalist for State Teacher of the Year.

Sup't. Murry welcomed Andre' Acklin to the Board. Mr. Acklin is the District's newly elected At Large, Position 1 member. He also thanked the patrons in the District for passing the proposed millage increase by a 70% margin. The results on the 38.1 mills school tax was 2988 votes for and 1290 votes against.

Sup't. Murry reported there were 9,256 students enrolled in the district as of Oct. 1. This is an increase of 173 students from last year.

### **Bond Sale**

Scott Beardsley, Senior Vice-President Beardsley Public Finance, reported the \$8,210,000 Construction Bond Issue, Series A, dated November 1, 2010, sold October 13. Bids were received from Crews & Associates, Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc., and FTN Financial Capital Markets, Inc. Crews & Associates submitted the lowest TIC rate of 3.944924%. First Security Bank, Searcy, Ar, will serve as trustee for the bonds. The closing date for the bonds is November 4, 2010, in the offices of Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. The net proceeds credited to the construction fund will be \$8,003,393 and \$2,409.79 to the bond fund. The second issue of bonds will be sold shortly after the first of the year. Pres. Clements called for a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and delivery of the \$8,210,000, Conway School District No. 1 of Faulkner County, Arkansas, Construction Bond Issue, Series A dated November 1, 2010 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Dr. Washispack so moved; Mr. Barger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of Teacher Job Description**

Dianne Allen reviewed the minimum job expectations for certified personnel. The Certified Personnel Policies Committee and the Directors have studied and examined the job description. Teacher evaluations and the job description are correlative. The Board will study the information presented and vote at the December meeting.

### **Request for Approval of Contracts**

President Clements called for a motion to approve the administration's recommendation to engage the architectural firm of Witsell, Evans, and Rasco for the purpose of the design of the new elementary school to be opened in 2012. Dr. Lamey so moved; Dr Washispack seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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President Clements called for a motion to approve the administration's recommendation to engage Nabholz Construction Company as the Construction Manager/General Contractor for the purpose of constructing the new elementary school to be opened in 2012. Mr. Barger so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **Annual Report to the Public**

Dr. Westmoreland presented the District's Annual Report to the Public. The report includes information on performance levels and results on the Augmented Benchmark and End of Course Exams, AYP classifications, District growth pattern, demographics, enrollment pattern, demographics of students, discipline and safety report, student activities, retention, special programs, ACT scores, National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists, certification of teaching staff, attendance rates, taxpayer investment, and school board members' training. Overall, the district's academic scores showed improvement at all levels over last year.

### **Board Report**

Sup't. Murry gave the board a financial report for the month ending September 30, 2010. The year-to-date comparison shows the actual total revenue received in the salary, operating and debt service funds is \$12,002,847.05, down \$102,399.50 from last year; actual total expenditures for the current year are \$11,322,959.05, down \$904,286.96.

### **Executive Session**

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

#### **Resignations –**

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Darla DeGood  | - Custodian, Effective Oct. 4, 2010                     |
| Suzanne Kelly | - Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., Effective Jan. 1, 2011 |
| Rena Taylor   | - Math Coach, Effective Sept. 17, 2010                  |

#### **Elections –**

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Craig Niswonger | - Computer Technology Technician I, #11-33 |
| John McFarlin   | - Transportation Aide                      |

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

### **Adjournment**

No further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Washispack, seconded by Dr. Lamey and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Clements, President

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Chuck Shipp, Secretary