

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
April 19, 2011

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

Others present: Sup't. Murry; Assistant Sup't. Bishop; Directors: Dianne Allen, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, Coach Steve Daniels, Peggy Woosley, Zinnia Clanton, Business Manager; Judy Harper, Recording Secretary; and Courtney Spradlin, Log Cabin Democrat Reporter.

Due notice of the time and place of the meeting was given. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Clements at 6:00 p.m.

Sup't. Murry recognized the Student of the Month, Julia Razer. She shared some of her favorite subjects and activities with the Board. Julia is a fourth grade student at Jim Stone Elementary School. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Razer and both sets of her grandparents accompanied her to the meeting. Sup't. Murry asked her to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of minutes, March 8, 2011, regular board meeting
2. Approval of list of bills paid in March 2011
3. Approval of Act 1599 Resolution for Darren Siria
4. Approval of Athletic Handbook for 2011-2012
5. Approval of new Administrative Salary Schedule for 2011-2012
6. Approval of certified policies: 3.9 Catastrophic Sick Leave and 3.42 Fringe Benefits
7. Approval of classified policies: 8.6 Catastrophic Leave and 8.34a Retirement Fringe Benefit Formula
8. Approval of student policies: 4.18 Prohibited Student Conduct, 4.26 Gangs and Gang Activity, 4.47 Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Superintendent's Report

Salary Schedule Increase – motion to increase all steps on all Certified and Classified salary schedules by 1% beginning July 1, 2011, was made by Mr. Barger. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shipp and passed unanimously.

State Championship Wrestling Team – Coach Daniels introduced Wrestling Team Coach Ray Sessions. Coach Sessions told the Board wrestling was a tremendous sport and one that any student could compete in. The program has been in the district for 3

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years and won the State Championship Title this year. The team finished the season with 30-4 record. This year they gave their first athletic scholarship. The Board extended their congratulations to Coach Sessions and his team members.

Legislative Update – Sup’t Murry recapped some of the educational bills passed by the legislature: The beginning date for school may be set as early as August 14, an increase in foundation funding for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years, the incremental reduction of 40% pullback until it is phased out in the 2020-21 school year, a sales tax exemption week for the purchase of school supplies, clothing, etc. for one week in August every year, safety regulations for soccer goals on school campuses, requirements for school board members to obtain three additional hours of training in school audit procedures, and prohibitive use of handheld wireless telephones in school zones when children are present.

Board Zones for Review

Arkansas code requires all school districts to revisit their school board member’s board zone boundaries after every federal decennial census and redraw the boundaries if the zones are not substantially equal in population. After an examination of the current boundaries and the census data, it was determined the zone boundaries needed to be adjusted. A new board zone map was presented to the Board for their review and vote at the May meeting. The new map has 5 zones that are substantially equal in population and all 5 seated board members remain in their current zone.

Update on Construction Projects

Assistant Sup’t. Bishop requested approval of (1) 10' right of way for a road for the new high school and 7' for a new sidewalk along Prince Street and (2) 50' wide right of way and easement for sewer main on the property across from Bob Courtway Middle School (also known as Parcel ID 710-07772-000 and 711-07126-00, per Faulkner County Tax Assessor Records) for the City of Conway. Dr. Washispack so moved and Dr. Lamey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop presented Package I for the Conway South Elementary School to the Board for their review and approval at the May meeting. Package I includes sitework, storm drainage, building concrete and pre engineered metal building system. The guaranteed maximum price for this is \$3,967,513.00.

Certified Policy 3.52 Certified Personnel Inspection/Selection of Instructional Materials

Mrs. Allen reviewed the new policy concerning the use of instructional materials with the Board and requested their approval. Mr. Barger so moved and Dr. Lamey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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2011-2012 School Calendar for Approval

Mrs. Allen presented the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. The calendar is in compliance with Act 1469. Three make-up days, Jan. 3rd, Jan 2nd, and Feb. 20th, have been scheduled for any causes which force the district to close unexpectedly. If all of these days are used, any remaining make-up days will be after May 23. Students will start school August 15. The calendar was approved by the Personnel Policies Committees. A motion to approve the proposed calendar for the 2011-2012 school year was made by Mr. Acklin. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shipp and passed unanimously.

Textbook Adoptions

The list of English Language Arts, Literature, Oral Communications and Journalism textbooks were presented to the Board for approval by Mrs. Woosley. A motion to approve the adoption of English Language Arts and Literature textbooks and the adoption of Oral Communications and Journalism textbooks for purchase was made by Mrs. McNabb and seconded by Mr. Acklin. Motion carried unanimously.

Requirements to Participate in Graduation Ceremony

CHSW Principal Linn presented a proposal that would require a student to have completed all required credits or be within one credit of receiving a diploma to participate in graduation exercises. This requirement would be effective with the graduating class of 2013 (2012-2013 school year).

Principal Linn also requested a change to Policy 4.7 – Absences. The number of unexcused absences without consequence per semester would change from 14 to 9. Both of these changes would be in line with other 7A school districts. The Board will study the proposed changes and vote at the May board meeting.

District K-12 Handbook for Study

Dr. K.K. Bradshaw presented the handbook to the Board for their review and vote at the May board meeting.

E-Rate Board Resolution

The Board voted unanimously to approve the E-Rate Resolution concerning the district's E-Rate application on a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Dr. Washispack. E-Rate provides reimbursement from the federal government for public schools and libraries to offset communication, telephone lines and internet costs. The resolution authorizes filing of Form 471 applications for funding year 2011-2012 and also approves the receipt of funding and services. The savings from AT&T, Verizon, Conway Corporation, and Edline, to the district will be \$88,220.71.

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Board Financial Report

Sup't. Murry presented a financial summary of the revenue and expenditures for the year to date. The district is on target for the end of the year balances.

Executive Session

The Board recessed (7:10 p.m.) for executive session for discussion of personnel resignations and elections. When the Board recessed, Dr. Washispack left the meeting and did not return. In open session, Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve the personnel resignations, re-elections and elections as recommended by Sup't. Murry:

Resignations –

Betty Sneed	- Teacher, CHSW, RETIRING
Nancy Fesler	- Teacher, CHSE, RETIRING
Steven Easton	- Teacher, CSMS, RETIRING
Treva Widner	- Teacher, BCMS, RETIRING
Pauline Scaife	- Counselor, Sallie Cone Elem., RETIRING
Sue Siria	- Paraprofessional, Florence Mattison Elem., RETIRING
Camilla Johnson	- Teacher, Jim Stone Elem., RETIRING
Teresa Treat	- Teacher, Jim Stone Elem., RETIRING
Tamra Kay Boykin	- Paraprofessional, Julia Lee Moore Elem., RETIRING
Claire Crumpler	- Counselor, Woodrow Cummins Elem., RETIRING
Sharon Rogers	- Paraprofessional, Theodore Jones Elem., RETIRING
Shelia Balentine	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., RETIRING
Peggy Woosley	- Director of Instructional Serv. K-12, RETIRING
Charlotte Moffitt	- Maintenance, RETIRING
Mary Phillips	- Maintenance, RETIRING
Daniel Bane	- Transportation, RETIRING
William Wiese	- Transportation, RETIRING
Sherry Wilson	- Food Service, RETIRING
Brenda Meeks	- Food Service, RETIRING
Gloria Hackett Criswell	Teacher, Florence Mattison Elem., RETIRING
Ann Scott	- Secretary, Central Office, RETIRING
Kaye Hoggard	- Teacher, Ruth Doyle Intermediate, RETIRING
Nelda Reed	- Teacher, Conway Area Career Center, RETIRING
Rick Bane	- Transportation Supervisor, RETIRING
Kathryn Speights	- Teacher, CHSW
Zaudi Ramirez	- Community Liaison/Translator, CHSE
Janie Sterling	- Teacher, Ruth Doyle Intermediate
Patricia Jackson	- Secretary, Simon Intermediate School
Crystal Rush	- Teacher, Marguerite Vann Elem.
Rebecca Haney	- Teacher, Julia Lee Moore Elem.
Kara Evans	- Teacher, Julia Lee Moore Elem.
Susan Fincher	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem.
Donna Smiley	- Audiologist

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Lilia Sosa-Martinez - Paraprofessional, Adult Educ.
Toris Lambert - Transportation
Larenda Donovan - Food Service
Vicki Burnette - Food Service
Jana Clark -Teacher, Ellen Smith Elem.
Diane Williams - Secretary, Central Office
Denise Brown - Food Service
Derek Gwatney - Custodian
Roydale Gilkey - Custodian
Nancy Miller - Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., Effective March 18

Re-election of Certified Staff:

See list

Re-election of Classified Staff:

See list

Elections:

Amy Crow - Elem. Assistant Principal, Florence Mattison Elem.
Timothy Boyd - Custodian, #11-37
Geoffery Ross - Custodian, #11-38
Phillip McCray - Custodian, #11-41
Debbie Miller - Director of Instructional Services K-12
Ronald Travis Barrentine - Secondary Principal, CHSE, #11-40

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Bill Clements, President

Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary