

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
April 15, 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. Dr. Washispack arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Others present: Sup't. Murry, Assistant Sup't. Bishop, Directors: Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Peggy Woosley, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, and Coach Buzz Bolding; Donna Whiting, Zinnia Clanton, Judy Harper, and Log Cabin Democrat Reporter Courtney Spradlin.

Pres. Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Sup't. Murry introduced Student of the Month, Rodrigo McCarthy-Galvin, and his dad. Rodrigo is a second grade student at Julia Lee Moore Elem. His favorite subjects are science and math. He also loves to write and illustrate comic strips and play baseball. Rodrigo led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of minutes March 9, 2010, regular board meeting
2. Approval of minutes March 11, 2010, special board meeting
3. Approval of Section 3, Certified Personnel – 3.1, 3.6, 3.19, 3.27, 3.40, and 3.51
4. Approval of Section 8, Classified Personnel – 8.16, 8.16a, 8.22, and 8.39
5. Approval of Student Handbook
6. Approval of the list of bills paid in March 2010
7. Approval of PO #10005194 to Witsell Evans Rasco Architects for the Shoe Factory Remodel for \$70,000
8. Approval of the following out-of-district transfer requests:
Jason Nordengreen family, one child to the Mayflower School District
James and Carrie Keener family, four children to the Mayflower School District

Superintendent's Report

- Donna Whiting reported to the Board that Conway High School had been selected to be a member of the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science Advanced Placement Training and Incentive program (AAIMS). The purpose of the program is to increase student enrollment in math, science and English AP classes and improve student performance and achievement on AP exams. Extensive professional development for AP and Pre-AP teachers is also included in this program. Upon a motion made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Washispack, the Board unanimously approved a resolution effecting the implementation of the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science program commencing June 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2013.

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- Principal Joel Linn told the Board the Quiz Bowl team won the state junior high 7A Quiz Bowl tournament. He introduced their sponsor Paula McKee and she recognized the students and parents.
- Coach Bolding recognized Coach Bates and his basketball team. They captured the 2010 Boys' 7A State Basketball Championship Title. Their record was 27-2. The senior class had 70 wins and 17 losses. Coach Bates said this season was a "dream season" and the team had "great character." Preston Purifoy was named MVP of the state tournament, Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year, and received the Channel 7 Arkansas Player of the Year Full Court Award. Kenyon McNeill, Micah Delph, and Preston Purifoy were named to the 7A All State Basketball team.

Textbook Adoption

Textbooks were unanimously adopted for agriculture, family and consumer science, art and music, on a motion made by Mr. Lamey and seconded by Mr. Shipp.

Summer School Research Project

The Board heard a report from Peggy Woosley concerning summer school. There was an 80% increase in reading levels and an 83% improvement in mathematics. The district will continue to follow the students to chart their progress. Dr. Ron Bramlett, UCA Professor, did the data analysis for the report.

Revised Personnel Policies for Approval

Dr. Washispack made a motion to approve the revisions to School Board Policies 3.8.1-Certified Personnel Bereavement Leave, 3.31-Certified Personnel Family Medical Leave, 3.42-Certified Personnel Fringe Benefits, and 8.23-Noncertified Personnel Family Medical Leave. Motion was seconded by Mr. Barger and passed unanimously.

Approval of Construction Manager for SAS Building/Annex

A motion to approve TruStar Construction as the Construction Manager General Contractor for the renovation of the SAS building/annex for 3% above cost with a guaranteed maximum of \$1.2 million was made by Mrs. McNabb. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lamey and passed unanimously.

Approval of Fresh Air HVAC bids

The Board unanimously approved, contingent upon receiving stimulus money, the total bid submitted by Comfort Sys USA for \$820,642 for Fresh Air HVAC for Marguerite Vann, Carl Stuart, and Florence Mattison on a motion made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Dr. Washispack.

Review of June 30, 2009 audit

Arkansas law requires the superintendent to present the audit findings to the Board. The audit was clean; there were no significant findings. Segregation of duties was the only

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recommendation made by the auditors but there was no citation for not hiring additional staff in the business office.

Board Report

Sup't. Murry reviewed the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2010. The district remains within budget on revenue and expenditures.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned into executive session for discussion of personnel items. In open session, Pres. Lewis called for a motion to approve the resignations, re-elections, and hiring of personnel as recommended by the Superintendent:

Resignations:

Stephanie Walker - Preschool Instructional Paraprofessional
Kenneth Harris - Bus Driver
Charles Elrod - Maintenance
Krista Ryken - Algebra Teacher, CHSE

Re-elections for 2010-2011:

List Attached

Elections:

Tina Antley - Elementary Principal, #10-41
Cathleen Palmer - Intermediate Teacher, #10-56

Motion was made by Mr. Barger, seconded by Dr. Washispack and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

No further business to come before the Board, Pres. Lewis adjourned the meeting on a motion made by Mr. Clements and seconded by Mrs. McNabb. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Lewis, President

Bill Clements, Secretary