

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
August 10, 2010

Members present: Mr. Chuck Shipp, Mrs. Susan McNabb, Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, Mr. Bill Clements, Mr. Carl Barger and Dr. Adam Lamey.

Members absent: Dr. Quentin Washispack.

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

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lewis at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of minutes of July 13, 2010, regular board meeting
- Approval of the list of bills paid in July 2010
- Approval of the list of purchase orders
- Approval of Act 1599 Ethics Resolution
- Approval of the following out-of-district transfer requests:
 - Angela Hulslander family, 3 children to the Mayflower School District
 - Sarah Hays family, 1 child to the Mayflower School District
 - Julie Owen family, 4 children to the Mayflower School District
 - Mary Oliver family, 3 children to the Mayflower School District
 - Cindy Cope family, 1 child to the Greenbrier School District
 - Gladys Tims family, 1 child to the So. Conway County School District
 - Catherine Zinno family, 2 children to the Westside Greers Ferry School District
 - Zaida Kramer family, 1 child to Westside Greers Ferry School District
 - Sunny Harp family, 1 child to the Greenbrier School District
 - Amanda Pickard family, 1 child to the Mayflower School District

Superintendent's Report

Sup't. Murry introduced the new administrators: Coach Steve Daniels – Athletic Director, Reñee Bennett – Simon Intermediate Principal, Kenny Smith – Dean of Students at Simon Intermediate, Joel Linn – CHSW Principal, Ferris Jackson – CHSW Assistant Principal, Dayna Coleman – Woodrow Cummins and Jim Stone Elem. Assistant Principal, Dr. Tina Antley – Sallie Cone Elem. Principal, Lisa Wood – Theodore Jones Elem. Assistant Principal, and Ben Broyles – CHSE Principal. The Board extended their congratulations to the new administrators.

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Sup't. Murry highlighted some of the major back-to-school activities. All district teachers report to their schools Thursday, August 12th; the Chamber of Commerce is hosting their breakfast at Ruth Doyle Intermediate School Friday, August 13th, the back-to-school assembly is August 17th and the first day of school is August 19th.

A report about the upcoming school election was given to the board by Sup't. Murry. Election day is Sept. 21 with early voting beginning Sept. 14 at the Faulkner County Courthouse. The polling sites open on election day are the Conway Sports Center and McGee Sports Center. The seat held by Mr. Clements is unopposed. Mrs. Lewis, who holds the Zone-at-Large, Position 1, seat has chosen not to run for reelection. There are 3 candidates vying for her position: Andre Acklin, Billy Thomas, and Ron Hill. The Board is planning to attend open house at each school to promote the 1.9 mill increase for reconstruction of CHSW and a future new elementary school.

Sup't. Murry discussed board visits to the schools this year. The first school visit is calendared for Ellen Smith Elementary School, August 27.

Semester Exams

CHSW Principal Linn told the Board a Semester Exam Committee was formed last fall to gather data about the purpose of semester exams. It was determined the current policy needed to be amended. The teachers at CHSE and CHSW had different views on semester exams – 61% of the teachers at the east campus favored no exams and 74% of the teachers at the west campus felt like the experience of taking semester tests was important for students to prepare for post-secondary education. The proposal for semester exams is a compromise. All students will take exams at the end of the first semester. The exams will count as 14% of the student's final grade. No exams will be given for semester courses or at the end of the second semester. Those classes will end the semester with a culminating activity/project. A motion to approve the proposed procedures for administering semester exams as presented by Principal Linn was made by Mr. Shipp and seconded by Mr. Clements. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Price Increase for Adult Meals

Assistant Sup't. Bishop told the Board the federal lunch reimbursement rate for students qualified to receive free meals is \$2.72. The cost for an adult meal must be higher than the federal reimbursement rate to ensure that adult meals are not subsidized with federal money. The district is proposing a \$0.50 increase, from \$2.50 to \$3.00, for an adult meal. Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the increase in the price for adult meals as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McNabb and passed unanimously.

Update on Annex Construction

Assistant Sup't. Bishop reported the construction is on schedule and expenditures are within the budget.

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Sup't. Murry reported the budget continues to look good. The current balance in the operating fund is \$6,921,115.57.

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:

Tori Miller	- Teacher, Marguerite Vann Elem.
Debbie Young	- Teacher, Bob Courtway Middle School
Sherry Haywood	- Counselor, Sallie Cone Elem.
Cole Cody	- Teacher, Sallie Cone Elem.
Aaron French	- Paraprofessional, Ruth Doyle Intermediate School
LeAnn Sears	- Teacher, Bob Courtway Middle School
Kim Starr	- Assistant Principal, Florence Mattison Elem.
Mary York	- Food Service Manager
Melynda Rea	- Teacher, CHSE
Charina Wroten	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem.
Feather Linn	- Teacher, BCMS
Kay Scharf	- Food Service

Elections:

Dayna Coleman	- Elementary Assistant Principal, #10-85
Allison Mizell	- Art Teacher, #11-05
Amy Crow	- Elementary Assistant Principal, #11-06
Peggy Woosley	- Director of Instructional Services, #11-10
Mollie Teas	- School Psychology Specialist, #11-03
Tracy McAllister	- Middle Level Library/Media Spec., BCMS, #11-07
Elizabeth Canady	- Teacher, Woodrow Cummins Elem., #11-09
Rebecca Burke Haney	- Teacher, Julia Lee Moore Elem., #11-09
Lindsey Shock	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., #11-09
Nathan Howse	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., #11-09
Megan Moore	- Teacher, Theodore Jones Elem., #11-09
Melinda Francis	- Teacher, Bob Courtway Middle School, #11-11
Katherine Flanders	- Special Educ. Teacher, Resource, Simon Intermediate, #11-12
Damara Wilcutt	- Special Educ. Teacher, Resource, Marguerite Vann/Florence Mattison, #11-13
Juanita Darkis	- Special Educ. Instructional Para, #11-15
Courtney Davis	- ABC Preschool Lead Teacher, #11-16
Monda Fason	- English Teacher, CHSW, #11-22
Cole Vann	- Social Studies Teacher, BCMS, #11-24

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Lee Tyus	- Bus Driver
Terrance Tatum	- Bus Driver
Tim Trent	- Bus Driver
Mary Alice Smith	- Bus Driver

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, President

Mr. Bill Clements, Secretary