

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
August 9, 2011

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

Others present: Sup't. Murry; Assistant Sup't. Carroll Bishop; Directors: Dianne Allen, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, Charlotte Vann, Ruth Ann Williams, Debbie Miller, Coach Daniels, and Nick Stroman; Zinnia Clanton, Business Manager; Judy Harper, Recording Secretary; and Courtney Spradlin, Log Cabin Democrat Reporter.

Pres. Clements called the meeting to order 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 listed on the consent agenda were

1. minutes, July 12, 2011, Regular Board Meeting
2. list of bills paid in July 2011
3. purchase orders for 2011-2012
4. out-of-district transfer petition requests:
 - 1 child to Vilonia School District filed by Alicia Suitt
 - 3 children to Vilonia School District filed by Jennie Cash
 - 1 child to Greenbrier School District filed by Lori Brooks
 - 2 children to Greenbrier School District filed by Kelli Brawley
 - 1 child to Greenbrier School District filed by Susan DeMilio
 - 2 children to East End School District filed by William Smothers
 - 1 child to East End School District filed by Jennifer Simmons
 - 1 child to East End School District filed by Kandy Walker
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Daniel Jones
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Matt Rayburn
 - 2 children to Mayflower School District filed by Dana Liner
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by David Angell
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Krystal Harper
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Jennifer Barnhill
 - 2 children to Mayflower School District filed by Maxine Smith
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Dottie Moore
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Shannon Schiesser
 - 2 children to Mayflower School District filed by Matt Grace
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Wanda Wilson
 - 1 child to Mayflower School District filed by Helen Stewart

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Superintendent's Report

Donna Whiting recognized the district's 2011 7th grade Duke Talent Search Students. Duke TIP identifies academically gifted 7th graders. To participate in the program, a student must take either the ACT or SAT. Students qualify for recognition based on their test scores. Duke TIP determines the score qualifications based on the NPR (national percentile ranking) for juniors and seniors taking the ACT and SAT. The state level qualifying score criteria was set at the 50 percent NPR and the Grand level was set at the 90 percent NPR. Students receiving state recognition from Carl Stuart Middle School were Blaine Booher, Hannah Davis, Tyler Gum, Paola Lozano, William Mathis, Julianne Merguie, Mary Nail, Quade Reed, Matthew Sweere, Kierstan Taylor, James Toal IV, Hargobind Vohra, and Natalie Warren; from Bob Courtway Middle School were Timothy Ablondi, Zachary Arnold, Ethan Beard, David Desrochers, Allison Dombek, Nicole Reese, and Joshua Vines. Two students, Matthew Sweere and Joshua Vines, qualified for Grand Recognition.

Sup't Murry introduced Heidi Wilson to the Board. Mrs. Wilson is the new assistant principal for Woodrow Cummins Elementary.

Construction Projects Update

Assistant Sup't. Bishop reported all the construction projects were going well. He told the Board that Wal-Mart had made an offer of \$5.00 per square foot to buy a strip of land beside the Presbyterian Church and the baseball field for the purpose of building a road. The estimated purchase price is \$67,520.00 for approximately 13,504 sq. ft. Dr. Lamey made a motion to approve the sale of the property for at least \$5.00 per square foot. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McNabb and passed unanimously.

Safe Room Grants

The District received 2 safe room grants for building at Ruth Doyle and Simon Intermediate Schools. The grants will fund 75% of the construction cost and the District will pay 25%. Each safe room is estimated to cost \$1.2m. There is money in the building fund allocated for these projects – they are not part of the 2012 project. Construction is scheduled to begin in November/December and should be completed next August. Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve Witsell, Evans, and Rascoe as the Architects for the two safe room projects at Ruth Doyle Intermediate and Simon Intermediate Schools. Dr. Lamey so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Naming of New Elementary School

A motion to name the new elementary school located on Old Military Road as the Carolyn Lewis Elementary School was made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Dr. Lamey. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Lewis is a Conway Public Schools graduate, has 32 years of experience as an elementary teacher and principal, and served 10 years on the school board. She is very dedicated to the education profession.

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Policies for Study

The following policies were presented to the Board for study with a vote to be taken at the September board meeting:

- 1.11 Board Member Training
- 1.14 Meeting Agenda
- 1.18 District Audits
- 4.2 Entrance Requirements
- 4.4 Student Transfers
- 7.2 Annual Operating Budget
- 7.6 Activity Accounts
- 7.9 Property Insurance
- 7.19 Service Animals in District Facilities

Election Resolution & Notices

A motion to approve the 2011 Election Resolution and publication of the Notice of Annual School Election and the Notice of Polling Sites For the Annual School Election was made by Mr. Barger and seconded by Mr. Shipp. Motion passed unanimously. Since there are no contested issues on the ballot, all voting will be done by absentee ballot and early voting at the Faulkner County Clerk's office – no polling sites will be open. As no one filed for Position 2, the ballot is an empty ballot and Mr. Shipp will remain in that position.

Board Financial Report

The July ending balance in the operating fund is \$10,021,469.20 and the total for all funds is \$48,478,522.62. The district budget will be presented in September.

Executive Session

The meeting recessed for executive session for discussion of resignations and elections of personnel. The meeting reconvened in open session and Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve the following recommendations as presented by the Superintendent:

Resignations –

- Jennifer Hunt - Music Teacher, Sallie Cone Elem.
- Ronnie Howse - Paraprofessional, Career Center
- Kathy Herndon - Special Educ. Teacher, CHSE
- Elizabeth Shock - Intervention Teacher, Sallie Cone Elem.
- Tracy Martin - Food Service Assistant Manager
- Katherine Flanders - Special Education Teacher, Simon Intermediate
- Shawn McKnight - Custodian

Elections –

- Jennifer Virden - Teacher, Ellen Smith Elem., #11-108
- Dennis Felton, Jr. - Special Educ. Instr. Paraprofessional, CHSE, #11-106
- Shannon Neblett - Special Educ. Instr. Paraprofessional, BCMS, #11-107

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Ashley Silliman	- Counselor, Woodrow Cummins Elem., #11-54
Kerry Stitch	- Instr. Facilitator, Jim Stone/Woodrow Cummins, #12-08
Bethany Aaker	- Special Educ. Teacher, CHSE, #11-91
Charlonzo Rose	- ABC Pre-school Instructional Para., #12-06
Jonathan Burgin	- School Psychology Spec., TBA, #12-01
Brenda Hines	- Spec. Educ. Teacher, CHSE, #12-09
Judy Barnett	- Elem. Library Media Specialist, Florence Mattison, #12-03
Rebecca Brodt	- Elem. Gifted/Talented Teacher, Sallie Cone, #12-02
Rebekah Hall	- Intervention Teacher, Sallie Cone, #12-12
Leah McKeen	- Elem. Teacher, Ellen Smith, #12-07
Korry Garrett	- Bus Driver
Kavid Luneau	- Bus Driver
Michael Hardee	- Bus Driver
Bruce Wall	- Bus Driver
Calissa Hastings	- Bus Driver
Cliff Sipple	- Bus Driver
Deanna Duke	- Food Service Worker
Brooke Burgin	- Kindergarten Teacher, Ellen Smith, #12-14
Keisha McDaniel	- 1 st Grade Teacher, Sallie Cone Elem., #12-16
Ashley Clark	- Kindergarten Teacher, Ellen Smith, #12-15
Sally Loretz	- Gifted/Talented Teacher, Simon Inter., #11-95
Andrea Jones	- Spec. Educ. Instr. Paraprofessional, CHSE, #11-103

Dr. Washispack so moved; Mr. Acklin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. McNabb and seconded by Mr. Acklin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Bill Clements, President

Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary