Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
February 8, 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, Peggy Woosley, Charlotte Vann, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, and Nick Stroman; Zinnia Clanton, Business Manager; Judy Harper, Recording Secretary; and Log Cabin Democrat Reporter Courtney Spradlin.

Due notice and time and place of the meeting was given. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Bill Clements, President.

Sup't. Murry introduced Sergio Rincon, Student of the Month. Sergio is a 4th grade student at Theodore Jones Elementary School. His parents, Sergio Rincon Sr. and Mavai Solis accompanied him to the meeting. Sergio's favorite subject in school is math. He believes he can learn more and wants to do good in school. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**
A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Dr. Washispack. Motion passed unanimously. Items on the consent agenda included

1. approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2011 regular board meeting,
2. approval of the list of bills paid in January 2011,
3. approval of purchase order #11003799 to Arch Ford Service Cooperative and
4. approval of the copy paper bid for $24.90/cs to American Paper and Twine.

**Superintendent's Report**
Melanie Bell, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, introduced Jared Johnson to the Board. He is a junior at CHSW and is District II President of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). FCCLA is the youth leadership development organization of family and consumer sciences. Jared has been selected Arkansas FCCLA Treasurer and will represent CHSW at the National Leadership Meeting in Anaheim, CA this summer.

Sup't. Murry gave a brief legislative update. House Bill 1099 will allow public school districts flexibility in the start date for school. School personnel are waiting on this bill to set the calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. No funding bills (foundation and categorical) are out yet. Lots of bills are being introduced concerning teacher retirement.

Sup't. Murry announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the CHSW reconstruction will be March 1 at 2:00 and the groundbreaking for the new elementary school will be March 28 at 2:00. The public is invited.

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**Update on Sale of Series B Bonds**
The Board heard a report from Scott Beardsley about the sale of the $31,410,000 Construction Bond Issue, Series B dated February 1, 2011. The bonds sold January 12, 2011. Four bids were received: Crews & Associates, Inc., 5.080830%; Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., 5.193219%; Stephens Inc., 5.298544%; and Banc of America Merrill Lynch, 5.809900%. Crews and Associates had the lowest true interest cost (TIC). Bank of the Ozarks in Little Rock will serve as the trustee. The closing date for the bonds is February 17 in the law offices of the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. The amount the district will have to spend on the high school project is $30,699,012.10. The following motions were stated by Pres. Clements for action:

- Motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of the $31,410,000 Conway School District No. 1 of Faulkner County, Arkansas, Construction Bond Issue, Series B dated February 1, 2011 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Mr. Barger so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- Motion to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution authorizing the Conway School District to reimburse the operating funds used for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new elementary school. Mr. Barger so moved; Mrs. McNabb seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- Motion to submit a Qualified School Construction Bond Application with related documents for $14,290,000 to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent. Mr. Barger so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Copies are attached.

**Update on Upcoming Construction Projects and Approval of Purchase Orders**
In order to expedite the construction process, Dr. Murry requested authorization to issue purchase orders up to $40,000,000 for the reconstruction of the west campus and up to $14,000,000 for the construction of the new elementary school prior to board approval.

- Dr. Washispack made a motion to authorize the issuance of up to $40,000,000 in purchase orders for the reconstruction of the Conway High School campus including construction costs, fees, landscaping, utilities, site-work, supplies, equipment, and other expenses. Mrs. McNabb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Dr. Lamey made a motion to authorize the issuance of up to $14,000,000 in purchase orders for the construction of a new elementary school on Old Military Road including construction costs, fees, landscaping, utilities, site-work, supplies, equipment, and other expenses. Mr. Barger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. McNabb requested a monthly list of purchase orders and construction costs be given to the board.

**Revised Policy 5.5 – Inspection/Selection of Instructional Materials for Study**
Peggy Woosley presented revisions to Student Policy 5.5 – Inspection/Selection of Instructional Materials for study. The board will vote on the revised policy at the March board meeting. Copy attached.

**The Common Core State Standards Initiative**
Peggy Woosley shared information with the Board about this initiative. This is a "state-led effort to establish a shared set of clear educational standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics that states can voluntarily adopt". The curriculum has been adopted by 48 states and 2 territories. In essence the curriculum is a national curriculum. The standards are formulated to ensure that students will be prepared for postsecondary education or to enter the workforce upon graduation from high school. The standards are benchmarked to international standards. K-2 will implement the curriculum 2011-2012. Grades 3-8 will implement the standards in 2012-2013 and grades 9-12 in 2013-2014. The curriculum is product and technology driven. More information is available at www.corestandards.org.

**Board Report**
Sup't. Murry reviewed the financial reports for the district. He reported all funds have a positive balance and that the projected ending balances are expected to be realistic.

**Executive Session**
The Board recessed for executive session for discussion of personnel resignations and elections. The Board reconvened in open session and Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve the resignations and elections of personnel as presented by Sup't. Murry.

**Resignations:**

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| Terrance Tatum | - Bus Driver, Effective January 31, 2011 |
| Linda Knopp | - Food Service, RETIRING, Effective Jan. 28, 2011 |
| Melissa Sellers | - Food Service, Effective February 2, 2011 |
| Vicki Burnette | - Food Service, Effective February 22, 2011 |

**Elections:**

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| Billy Turnbough | - Custodian, #11-37 |
| Denise Brown | - Food Service |
| Tracy Donahoe | - Teacher, Adult Educ. |
| Marilyn Walter | - Bus Driver, Effective Jan. 4, 2011 |
| Jennifer Harrison | - Bus Driver, Effective Jan. 4, 2011 |
| Elisha Lewis | - Transportation Aide, Effective 10-22-10 |

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

**Adjournment**
Mr. Barger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. McNabb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Bill Clements, President Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary