

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conway Public Schools Administration Building  
2220 Prince St.  
March 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, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, Nick Stroman, 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 at 6:00 p.m. by President Clements.

Sup't. Murry introduced the Student of the Month, Nicholas McDonald. Nicholas is a fourth grade student at Florence Mattison Elementary. His favorite subject in school is science. He also enjoys reading, playing chess, and hanging out with friends. His ambition is to graduate from CHS with Honors and to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in physics. Nicholas led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. His parents, Kenneth and Phyllis McDonald, accompanied him to the meeting.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. February 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes;
2. the list of bills paid in February 2011;
3. purchase orders #11004271, 11004272, 11004339 and 11004340;
4. Act 1599 Resolution for DeBoard Electronics; and
5. revised Policy 5.5-Inspection/Selection of Instructional Materials.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

G/T recognitions – Donna Whiting, Gifted and Talented Supervisor, was the recipient of the AGATE 2011 Award of Excellence. Mrs. Whiting is an effective advocate for gifted and talented education programs. Julie Haynes, Gifted and Talented Specialist, at Ruth Doyle Intermediate School, received the 2011 Educator Award. She has made significant contributions to the education of gifted and talented students in K-12 programs. The awards were presented at the AGATE Conference in Little Rock.

Music Department recognitions – Tim Cunningham, Music Supervisor, told the Board that 7 students earned a position in All-State choir, 6 in jazz band, 12 in orchestra and 23 in band. Conway was the only school to place more than 10 students in the All-State Orchestra. Five students earned a chair in two All-State groups and two students earned the position of first chair in the First All-State Jazz Band. All-State is the highest

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individual honor achievable by high school musicians. The tryouts were held in Conway on Feb. 14.

Sup't. Murry invited the public to the groundbreaking ceremony to be held Monday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. for the new elementary school. The groundbreaking will be at the new school site on Old Military Rd.

Dr. Murry told everyone the date for the regular board meeting in April had been moved to Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

**Update on Construction Projects**

Assistant Sup't. Bishop reported on the progress of the new elementary school and Conway High School projects. The pre-bid meeting on the elementary school was held today. The complete bid package will be ready May 10. June 19, 2012 is the estimated project completion date.

The construction price for the CHS project for Package 1 – Civil Contract Documents and Package 2 – Structural and Plumbing Contract Documents with addendums 1 and 2 is \$5,098,087. This is the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for this part of the project and it came in under budget. It includes earthwork/site preparation, relocation of utility lines, temporary gravel drive, Phase 1 concrete (building and site), structural steel fabrication and testing services for the civil and structural packages.

**2011-2012 Athletic Handbook for Study**

Athletic Director Steve Daniels reviewed the changes to the handbook for student athletes. The board will study the changes presented and vote at the April board meeting.

**Personnel Policies for Study**

Dianne Allen presented the following policies for review to the Board:

- 3.9 – Certified Catastrophic Sick Leave
- 3.42 – Certified Fringe Benefits
- 8.6 – Classified Catastrophic Leave
- 8.34a – Classified Retirement Fringe Benefit Formula

The Board will act on the policies at the April board meeting.

**Student Policies for Study**

Dr. K.K. Bradshaw presented the following revised student policies for the Board's consideration and vote at the April board meeting:

- 4.18 – Prohibited Student Conduct
- 4.26 – Gangs and Gang Activity
- 4.47 – Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

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**Board Report**

Sup't. Murry gave the board a summary of the financial position of the district. The district is fiscally sound. In real numbers, the total revenue is up approximately \$900,000 over the same period last year and total expenditures are up about \$800,000.

**Executive Session**

The Board recessed for executive session for discussion of personnel resignations and elections. The Board reconvened in open session. President Clements called for a motion to approve the following resignations and elections of personnel as recommended by Sup't. Murry:

Resignations –

Amanda Arman	- Teacher, Ida Burns Elem., Effective Feb. 11
Kara Evans	- Teacher, Julia Lee Moore Elem., Effective March 25
Toris Lambert	- Bus Driver, Effective Feb. 8
Max Crow	- Custodian, Effective Feb. 9
Kelly Heflick	- Custodian, Effective March 17

Elections –

None

Mr. Barger so moved; Dr. Washispack seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Bill Clements, President

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Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary