

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Conway Public Schools – Administration Building
2220 Prince St.
September 13, 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. Bishop; Directors: Dianne Allen, Dr. K.K. Bradshaw, Dr. Dave Westmoreland, Charlotte Vann, Debbie Miller, Coach Daniels, Nick Stroman, and Ruth Ann Williams; Zinnia Clanton, Business Manager; and Judy Harper, Recording Secretary.

Pres. Clements called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sup't. Murry introduced the Student of the Month, Madisyn Schichtl. Madisyn is a fourth grade student in Ms. Harness' class at Ellen Smith Elementary School. She is a member of the Ellen Smith Jump Rope Team, plays softball, soccer and basketball. Madisyn has bagged two does and a buck. The next hunting trip she has planned is bear hunting in North Arkansas with her family. Her principal, Mrs. Lacy, describes Madisyn as a true leader in the classroom and the community. Madisyn is a daughter of Shawn and Lisa Schichtl.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Dr. Lamey and seconded by Dr. Washispack. Items listed on the consent agenda were

- approval of minutes, August 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- list of bills paid in August 2011
- purchase order to Simplex Grinnell, Inc. for service contract for 2011-2012
- Act 1599 Resolutions for Craig Niswonger and Annette Harrell
- Superintendent's authorization for Program Assurances and ACSIP Application
- Special Education Assurances and VI-B Budget Application
- policies 1.11-Board Member Training, 1.14-Meeting Agenda, 1.18-District Audits, 4.2-Entrance Requirements, 4.4-Student Transfers, 7.6 Activity Accounts, 7.9-Property Insurance, and 7.19-Service Animals in District Facilities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Murry recognized the 2011-2012 Teachers of the Year: Ida Burns Elem.-Michelle Dismuke, Sallie Cone Elem.-Pam Pritt, Woodrow Cummins Elem.-Melinda Murtha, Theodore Jones Elem.-Heather Nutt, Florence Mattison Elem.-Abby Fleming, Julia Lee Moore Elem.-Rhonda Pearce, Ellen Smith Elem.-Carrie Farris, Jim Stone Elem.-Danna Jones, Marguerite Vann Elem.-Linda Crawford, Ruth Doyle Intermediate-Beverly Bowles, Simon Intermediate-Kara Jones, Bob Courtway Middle School-Tally Rudesill, Carl Stuart Middle School-Melinda Ferrand, CHSE-Jacob Stroman, CHSW-Lt. Col. Thomas Speck and 1st Sgt. Thomas North, and Adult Education-Kathryn Rasure.

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Kara Jones was named District Teacher of the Year. She teaches math to fifth graders at Simon Intermediate. This is her 9th year in education. Pres. Clements presented each teacher with a copy of My Teacher Is My Hero.

Update on Construction Projects

Assistant Sup't. Bishop reported that construction was progressing well at both schools. The construction budget is on target for this stage of construction. The topping out ceremony for CHS will be Monday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m. and the public is invited.

Operating Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year

Sup't. Murry reviewed the fiscal year budget, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, for the Board. The budgeted revenue is \$78,976,642. Local taxes are 47.9%, state funding is 51.0%, and other sources of revenue are 1.1%. The total amount budgeted for expenditures in funds 1, 2, and 4, is \$78,976,642. Salaries and benefits are 76.1%, debt service payments are 10.60%, and other expenses are 13.30% of the budgeted expenses. Pres. Clements called for a motion to approve the operating budget for the 2011-12 school year as presented by the administration in the agenda. Dr. Washispack so moved; Mrs. McNabb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Financial Report

Sup't. Murry gave an informational financial summary report to the Board for the month ending August 2011. The ending balance in the operating fund is \$7,626,531.56.

Executive Session

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

Resignations –

Christy Wagner - Spec. Education Paraprofessional, BCMS

Elections –

Mary Caldwell - Bus Driver
Shelley Grage - Bus Aide
Steven Moore - Physical Educ. Teacher, Ellen Smith/CHSE, #12-21
Frank Lightfoot - Spec. Educ. Instr. Paraprofessional, BCMS, #12-22
Lisa Schichtl - Auto Collision Repair Instr. Paraprofessional, #12-10
Kathleen Wilcox - Spec. Educ. Teacher, Simon Intermediate, #12-20
Ronnie Howse - Custodian, CHSW, #12-05
Memorie Freyaldenhoven - Math Teacher, CSMS, #12-04
Morgan Taylor Isom - Kindergarten Teacher, Jim Stone Elem., #12-19
Sherrie Richardson - Music Teacher, Sallie Cone Elem., #12-17

Dr. Washispack so moved; Mr. Shipp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Bill Clements, President

Mr. Chuck Shipp, Secretary