

CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
May 6, 2009

Roll Call

A called meeting of the school board was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, to provide an oral exit report to the board regarding AdvancEd Quality Assurance review team's findings, commendations, and recommendations as Wynne School District seeks district accreditation. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Spencer Parker and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Dr. Robert Hayes, Jr. and Mr. Melvin Taylor were unable to attend. The following individuals were also present: Dr. Kenneth Manuel, Chairperson-AdvancEd; Mr. Kenneth Reddick, Co-Chair –AdvancEd; Mrs. George Anne Draper, Librarian, Senior High School; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Principal, Primary School; Mr. David Stepp, Principal, Junior High School; Mr. Keith Watson, Principal, Senior High School; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Assistant Principal, Intermediate; Mr. Blake Marsh, Assistant Principal, WJHS; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Education; and Mr. James Jennings, Wynne Progress

AdvancEd Accreditation Visit

A team from AdvancEd Quality Review visited the Wynne School District, May 3- 6, 2009, to determine if the Wynne School District would earn a recommendation from AdvancEd for district accreditation. In order to earn accreditation the district must meet the AdvancEd standards, engage in continuous improvement and demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review. The quality review team spent several days reviewing district documents, interviewing teachers, staff, students and parents and observing classrooms throughout the district. The AdvancEd Quality Review team identified several strengths in some areas in the district. These areas were in the management of all its resources, collaboration between the board and superintendent, stakeholder reported that the superintendent and board are approachable and the passion the community stakeholders indicated they have for the district.

Challenges cited by the team findings were a decline in student enrollment and tax base, maintaining resources and increasing parental involvement. The AdvancEd Quality Assurance team recommended that the district review its strategy used to recruit parent volunteers and set up goals and interventions to improve student performance based on Grade 11 literacy scores. Dr. Manuel stated the team will turn its findings over to the AdvancEd national office to make a final decision on accreditation within 30 days. Dr. Manuel and his team recommended that Wynne Public Schools be awarded district accreditation as a quality school system.

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The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary