

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
April 20, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, April 20, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mr. Spencer Parker and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr. was unable to attend. The following individuals were also present: Mrs. Stephanie Emerson, Teacher and Personnel Policy Committee Representative; Mr. Henry Thompson and Mr. Bob Morris, Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Juanita Houston, Teacher, Primary School; Mr. David Goodin, District Athletic Director; Mrs. Cindy Kinard, Assistant Principal, Primary School; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Principal, Primary School; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Assistant Principal, Intermediate School; Mrs. Sandra Holloway, Principal, Intermediate School; Mr. Blake Marsh, Assistant Principal, Junior High School; Mr. David Stepp, Principal, Junior High School; Mr. Keith Watson, Principal, Senior High School; Mrs. Sandra Smith, Assistant Principal, Senior High School; Mrs. Cheryl Parrish Assistant Principal, Senior High School; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. John Griffith, Wynne Progress.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Recognitions** Sherry Breckenridge was recognized for her work in getting a \$500 grant from the Endowment Foundation for the Literary Academy Awards Night next fall.
- Congratulations to Mr. Columbus (WHS employee) and Geraldine Rucker on their daughter's win of Miss Black Arkansas USA. Ms. Shiesha Rucker is a student at University of Arkansas Little Rock. Ms. Rucker will represent Arkansas in the 2009 Miss Black USA Pageant in Washington D.C. in late July and early August 2009.**
- Congratulations to WHS's MCJROTC who had a Functional Area Inspection on March 17, 2009. Thanks to Sgt. Major Jimmy Page and the Cadets, the report was remarkable. Our Cadets received Mission Capable.**
- On-site competitions were held in thirteen areas of journalism and broadcast journalism which included: editorial cartooning, editorial writing, news writing, broadcast news writing, advertising copy and layout, radio/TV commercial writing, photography, sports writing, newspaper copy reading, radio/TV announcing, public relations and web-site design. The following twenty students won in the individual competitions:**
- Tori Jones – 2nd in Editorial Writing, 2nd in Headline Writing, HM (Honorable Mention) in Public Relations; Laney Scarlett – 1st in AD Copy and Layout, 2nd in Newspaper Copy Reading; Michelle Makool – 1st in Photography, HM in Editorial Writing; Tyler Hoffpauri – 2nd in Sports**

Writing, 3rd In News Writing; Erica Armstrong- 2nd in Photography, HM in Ad Copy and Layout; Jonathon Schmidt - 3rd in Editorial Writing, HM in News Writing; Kayla Bedwell – 3rd in Newspaper Copy Reading, HM in Ad Copy and Layout; Taylor Tarbutton – 1ST in Newspaper Copy Reading; Brook Crowder – 1st in Headline Writing; LaChassity Phillips – 1ST in Radio-TV Commercial Writing; Grant Smith – 1ST in Radio-TV Announcing; Jordan Weaver – 2nd in Radio-TV Commercial Writing; Cayla Douglas – 2nd in News Writing; Allen Cockrill – 2nd in Broadcast News Writing; Josh Haggans - 3rd in Broadcast News Writing; Aerial Jenkins – 3rd in Ad Copy and Layout; Bryanna McClanahan – 3rd in Photography; Shavelle Parker – 3rd in Radio-TV Commercial Writing; Rachel Lloyd – 3rd in Editorial Cartooning; Kendall Collier – HM in Headline Writing.

Other students who attended and competed were Elli Fowler, Haley McElroy, Brooklyn Devazier, Alex Moery, Heather Baldwin, Katie Long, Maddison Stewart, Hannah Johnson, Daniel Andrews, and Levi Huffman.

The Wynne Band Attended the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra (ASBOA) Region IX's Concert Band Assessment in March. The Junior High Band received a First Division rating in both Concert Band and Sight Reading. Having earned a First Division in both areas, the Junior High band received an "ASBOA" Sweepstakes Award for this year.

The High School Band also received a First Division in Concert Performance and Sight Reading. This, added to the First Division in Marching Assessment, the High School Band also received ASBOA Sweepstakes of the year.

At the 71st Annual Journalism and Broadcasting Day at ASU, the students who won the Sweepstakes Award meant they won more competitions than any other school. The Yellowjacket Newspaper won 1st place for Excellence.

Individual Video Winners:

Hannah Johnson – 2nd place in News Story; Daniel Andrews- 2nd place in Sports Story; Ashlee Davidson, Jikara McCuiston, Hannah Johnson- 1st Place in Music Video; Ashley Parsons – 1st place in Public Service Announcement.

Congratulations to Jasmine Han, Wynne High School's Mandarin Chinese Teacher, who received an Arkansas Travelers Certificate from Governor Mike Beebe and Secretary of State Charlie Daniels. The award authorizes and commissions Thuo Han (Jasmine) to serve as an Ambassador of Good Will from Arkansas to the people of other states, the people of nations beyond the borders of the United States or wherever this Ambassador of Arkansas may hereafter travel or reside. Senator Jim Luker and President Pro Tempore of the Senator, Bob Johnson, presented Jasmine Han with a Senate Citation. The award recognizes Thuo Han's International achievement and her outstanding performance in the classroom and in wishing her continued success as an educator to children across the world.

Wynne Primary School counselors, Brenda Martin and Amelia Grider named February as Career Awareness Month. During the Career on Wheels day, several sectors of the community brought vehicles to the school for students to explore: Paul Pierce City of Wynne; Firefighter Donald Jones of Wynne; Dale Williams City of Wynne; Randy Thomas City of

Wynne; Firefighters Josh Caughron and Andrew Bostic of Wynne; Clay Bassham City of Wynne; Wynne Fire Chief Lynn Blake; Sgt. Tyrone Dillard Wynne Police Dept; Kim Carnes, certified trainer and radiologic technician; Lynn Blake, Jerry Brewster and Police Chief Jeff Sanders offered their operator's services to the school helping to make this event a huge success.

Christopher Easley, son of Carl Easley, Asst. Superintendent and Cindy Easley, Intermediate teacher, was awarded a Deans Scholarship at Arkansas State University.

Ariel Smith signed a volleyball scholarship at Henderson University.

Tyler Hale, son of Shirley Hale, Title 1 Teacher WIS, was accepted to Harvard University.

Financial Reports Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in March were approved.

Enrollment A report on student enrollment as of April 20, 2009, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,888 students. This is a decrease in enrollment from March 16, 2009's report of 2,891.

Certified Personnel Policy Committee Mrs. Stephanie Emerson, the Certified Personnel Policy Representative, presented a request for the board to consider proposed revisions on three current school board policies. The policies are Certified Personnel Reduction in Force, 3.04, Certified Personnel Sick Leave Sharing Policy, 3.08B and Bereavement Policy. The board will make a decision on the proposed policy revisions at the May 18, 2009 board meeting.

Consent Agenda

Request for Legal Transfer A petition was presented for the legal transfer of a student from the Cross County District to the Wynne School District as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>District</u>
James Atchley	14	Cross County

Revised 2008-09 School Calendar A discussion was held on the proposed revised school calendar for the 2008-09 school year. The revised 2008-09 school calendar allows one school day to be added to the 2008-09 school calendar due to inclement weather. The last day for students will be June 1st and the teachers' last day in attendance will be on June 2, 2009.

2009-2010 School Calendar A discussion was held on a proposed academic school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. The Certified Personnel Policy Committee was consulted during the development of the calendar. The calendar complies with state guidelines.

Five staff development days will occur prior to classes for students to begin on Monday, August 10, 2009. The other five staff development days will occur on Mondays or Fridays in different months during the remainder of the school year with a staff development flex day on June 2, 2010.

The calendar includes three evenings for parent visits with K - 8 teachers and four evenings for 9 - 12 teachers on different evenings for each building. The K - 8 visitations will be three hours in length. There will be four each 9 -12 visitations, each being two and one quarter hours in length. Regular school days will be held prior to parent visitation evenings.

First semester will end on December 18, 2009. The calendar includes seven scheduled holidays, ten days for Christmas and one week for spring break. Graduation, 2010, will be held on Friday evening, May 21. This calendar provides 178 student days and 190 minimum workdays for all certified staff. The calendar will be submitted to the entire certified staff for approval.

A copy of the 2009-2010 school calendar is included as Addendum Number I to these minutes.

Approval of School Resource Officer Contract

The board discussed the contract to hire a School Resource Officer through the City of Wynne for a nine month period for the 2009-2010 school year. The contract will be binding upon both parties and can be canceled or terminated by either party upon 30 days notice.

Personnel Policy Revision

The board discussed the revision of Substitute Teachers Policy 7.12.1 which will allow substitutes teachers to be paid \$55.00 per day instead of \$50.00 currently paid. The district will request substitutes when needed from SubTeach USA.

Consent Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to approve all items presented under the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda Resignations

A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of resignation:

John Wilform Maintenance, District, Effective 5/31/09

Effective end of current contract:

Mildred Heard Cafeteria, Senior High School

Deborah Cullum Cafeteria Cashier, Intermediate

Sharon Forrester Secretary, Senior High School

Recommendation for Employment

The following individuals were recommended to the board for employment, transfer, change of responsibility and additional responsibility:

CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Additional Responsibility:

Amy Searcy Add 2 additional days to 2008-09 contract for Primary Librarian position - from 195 days to 197 days Retro-active to August 4, 2008

Laura Owens 7 & 8th Grade Cheerleading Sponsor for 2009-10

Jill Nickerson	Chairperson – Kindergarten
Shelia McKnight	Chairperson – 1st Grade
Misty Holbrook	Chairperson – 2nd Grade
Tanisha McCay	Chairperson – 3rd Grade
Angela Knight	Chairperson – 5th Grade

Carol Brown left the room and excused herself from the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to approve the employment, transfer, change of responsibility and the additional responsibility as indicated for the above named individuals as recommended by the superintendent.

Executive Session **The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of the certified teaching staff.**

Regular Session **After the executive session, the board reconvened in a regular session.**

Employment of Certified Staff **A recommendation was made by the Superintendent to re-employ all certified staff, other than administrators, those indicated below and those previously presenting letters of resignation, for the 2009-2010 school year.**

The Superintendent recommended non-renewal of contracts on the following: Bonnie Mills, Amy Walton, Leslie Gatling, Dennis Fischer.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for the employment of the certified teacher staff for the 2009-2010 school year.

Certified Contracts **A recommendation was made for certified contracts for 2009-2010 school year to be written according to the current salary schedules.**

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously for 2009-2010 certified contracts be written according to current salary schedules.

Awarding of Diplomas **Mr. Melvin Taylor and Mrs. Carol Brown were selected to award diplomas to the high school seniors at the 2009 graduation ceremony.**

Non-Certified Employees **Reemployment of the Non-Certified staff will be held in the regular May meeting of the board.**

Superintendent's Reports **Superintendent shared with the board the visit from AdvancEd which is scheduled for May 3-5, 2009 and our visit from Workforce Career & Technical Education which is to be held on May 1, 2009. Also discussed with the board the anticipated education stimulus package allocation to be awarded to Wynne School District from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Superintendent shared with the board a scheduled visit on May 21st with Arkansas Department of Education regarding the Adequate Yearly Progress status of Wynne Primary and Intermediate Schools.**

The date of the next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary