

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas  
February 23, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, February 23, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mr. Spencer Parker and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Absent: Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr. The following individuals were also present: Mr. Don O'Neal, Wynne Water Utilities; Mr. Lynn Blake, Wynne Fire Chief; Mr. Bob Ford; Mr. Al Cockrill, Parent; Mrs. Stephanie Cockrill, Mr. Hugh Hill, Mr. Dan Phillians and Mr. Randy Yarnold, Senior High School Teachers; Mrs. George Anne Draper, Senior High School Librarian; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High School Assistant Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High School Principal; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mrs. Cheryl Parrish, Senior High Assistant Principal; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Aerial Jenkins, Senior High Journalism Staff; Brooklyn Devazier, Brooke Crowder, and Elli Fowler, Senior High Publications Staff and Mr. Curtis P. Middleton, Wynne Progress.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Financial Reports** Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in January were approved.
- Enrollment Report** A report on student enrollment as of February 23, 2009, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,884 students. This is a decrease in student enrollment from January 26, 2009's report of 2,905.
- Recognitions** Dan Phillians has taught music for twenty-three years and eight of those years have been here at our school. Under Mr. Phillians' leadership, choirs have performed in Carnegie hall and St. Bartholomew's Cathedral in New York. Since Mr. Phillians has been with us, Wynne High School normally places over half of its students in the All Region Choir and this year's number was 58%.
- All-State Choir Auditions**  
Approximately 6,000 high school choir members auditioned for their region choirs. The 800 best of those 6 region choirs went to the auditions for the All-State choir. Wynne High school had 8 students in that top 800: Cooper Fisher, Chelsea Sorrels, John Phillians, Kate Smith, Denton Trail, Heather Vanlandingham, Jeremy Smith, and Arnold Humble
- Four Wynne High School students were selected for the 2009 All-State Choir.
- (1) On Bass - #30-John Phillians, #22-Jeremy Smith
  - (2) On Soprano- #31-Cooper Fisher
  - (3) On Alto - # 1 Kate Smith, who is this year's best alto in the state

of Arkansas! Heather Vanlandingham was selected as a 4<sup>th</sup> alternate.

WHS Stinger and Yellowjacket staff received several national honors and awards. Walsworth Publishing Company awarded the Yearbook with its Gallery of Excellence Award. The Stinger Yearbook and Yellowjacket Newspaper have received three National Awards for Excellence.

Kandi Heard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state for the Daughter's of the American Revolution essay contest.

Johnny Lemke, senior WHS, signed a national letter of intent to play football at Henderson State University at Arkadelphia. He was awarded a University Scholarship.

Ariel Marie Smith, senior at WHS and sister of Johnny Lemke above, was awarded a University Academic Scholarship to Henderson State University.

Rotary Club Honorees for outstanding achievements: Brandie Heard, Shane McKnight and Ariel Scott.

**Request to Erect A Plaque**

Mr. Bob Ford, Attorney at Law, requested from the board approval for a plaque to be erected near the press box in honor of former Yellowjackets and friends who contributed to the building of the press box at Wynne High School.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to approve the placement of a plaque near the Wynne High School press box.

**Discussion of Fire Hydrant**

Wynne's Fire Chief, Mr. Lynn Blake, and Mr. Don O'Neal, Director of Wynne Water Utilities, presented to the board a proposal to install a fire hydrant near the southwest corner of the football field complex. Estimated cost for Subcontractor for boring and tapping the 10-inch line would be \$9,900. Materials/supplies estimate is \$10,181.10, making the total estimate of the project \$20,081.10.

The board decided to not make a recommendation to go forward with the project without further discussion.

**Resignations**

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

Cindy Easley - Cheerleader Sponsor, 9th Grade  
Effective end of contract

Secre McNutt - Custodian, Intermediate/High School  
Effective February, 13, 2009

George Anne Draper - Librarian, High School  
Effective end of contract

Laura Byassee - Parent Facilitator, Junior High  
Effective end of contract

**Kenneth Moore** - Math Teacher, Junior High  
Effective end of contract

**Cindy Roberts** - Math Coach, Intermediate  
Effective end of contract

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to accept the resignations.

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

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

**Employment** The following individuals were recommended to the board:

**Non-Certified**  
**Recommended for Employment:**

**Rosie Williams** Clerical Aide, Central Office  
88 days for 2008-09

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to hire the above named individual as recommended by the superintendent.

**Re-employment of Administrators** A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to re-employ the following administrative personnel as recommended by the superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Debbie Heath, Principal – Primary School**  
**Cindy Kinard, Assistant Principal – Primary School**  
**Sandra Hollaway, Principal – Intermediate School**  
**Stephanie Lyons, Assistant Principal – Intermediate School**  
**David Stepp, Principal – Junior High School**  
**Blake Marsh, Assistant Principal – Junior High School**  
**Keith Watson, Principal – Senior High School**  
**Sandra Smith, Assistant Principal – Senior High School**  
**Cheryl Parrish, Assistant Principal– Senior High School**  
**Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services – District**  
**Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation – District**  
**Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent – District**  
**Carl Easley, Principal – Assistant Superintendent - District**  
**Robbie Roach, Dean- Junior High School**

**Discussion of Auditorium Floor** A recommendation was made to the board to paint the auditorium stage floor flat black in order to control the lighting due to yellow casting from the current stage floor during school performances.

The board did not make a motion on the recommendation due to needing the cost of painting the stage floor before a board decision would be rendered.

**Recognition of Board Member** Mr. Gene Boeckmann was recognized for being elected to the position of President-Elect of the Arkansas School Boards Association at the

organization's annual meeting.

**Superintendent's  
Report**

**Superintendent discussed with the board the district's Adequate Yearly Progress appeal status. He indicated that Attorney Paul Blume with ARSBA had transferred the appeal to Attorney Walter Tripp at the Arkansas Department of Education's Counsel Office for review in order to determine if the appeal warranted a hearing before the State of Arkansas Board of Education.**

**Superintendent reminded the board of the Wynne School District accreditation review by AdvancEd scheduled for March 2-4, 2009 and that their participation is needed.**

**Also, reported to the board was the creation of a district-wide Special Education Advisory Council that will meet on a quarterly basis. The purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council is to serve as an informational resource to promote positive collaboration between family and school in regards to the educational welfare of students with special needs.**

**Superintendent asked Mrs. Lyons to report to the board about a field trip to Parkin Archeological State Park that was attended by fifth grade students from Wynne Intermediate School and Wynne High School's AAA student group in celebration of Black History Month, focusing specifically on the African American experience in the Arkansas Delta.**

**Meeting Date**

**The date of the next regular board meeting will be March 16, 2009.**

**Adj.**

**The meeting was then adjourned.**

---

**President**

---

**Secretary**