

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
January 26, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, January 26, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Spencer Parker, Mr. Melvin Taylor and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr., was unable to attend. Also present were: Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary School Principal; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High School Principal; Mr. Keith Watson, High School Principal; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Special Education Supervisor; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Mrs. Phynesa Lloyd, Parent; Mr. Curtis Middleton, Wynne Progress. Students in attendance were: Rachel Lloyd, Tyler Hoffpour and Kayla Bedwell, WHS Publication.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Rachel Morphis** A hearing was held on a recommendation from the administration to expel Rachel Morphis, a student at Wynne High School, from the school for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Rachel was suspended for six days or until the Board of Education could meet to take action on the recommendation of the administration.
- The parent of Rachel, Mrs. Erna Morphis, was notified of the meeting. Neither the parent nor the student attended the hearing.
- A motion to expel Rachel Morphis was made by Mrs. Carol Brown and seconded by Mr. Spencer Parker. The board voted unanimously to expel Rachel Morphis from the Wynne Public School District for the remainder of 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.
- Recognitions** The Superintendent recognized the following at the January 26, 2009 board meeting:
- ALLYSON GOODIN**
 Named State Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She is a national Nominee.
- CHRIS STRASSER**
 Won 2nd place in the District Veteran of Foreign Wars Voice of the Democracy Speech contest.
- HUGH HILL**
 Named 2008 Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart.
- SARAH HOLMES, YVONNE STOVALL, LAURA OWENS, CALLIE JONES,**
WIS Teachers
 Volunteer tutors at Reading Camp (The McCallum Center).

BUD GREEN

Has volunteered two hours each day for eight years at WIS.

THERESA LIGHT

Volunteer at WIS each morning before going to work in Memphis.

FAYE MCCLAIN

Donated over \$9,000.00 to Wynne Primary and Wynne Intermediate for the past 10 years through the PTA skate nights.

RAY HURT

Coordinated Watch Dogs Program.

KIM VINES

Coordinated Watch Dogs Program at WIS.

LYNNE BLAKE AND THE WYNNE FIREMEN

Volunteered time to read to students during our “Get Fired Up with Reading” nights. Because of their efforts, many students met their reading goals.

WHS’S JORDAN WEAVER

Scored a big 19 points and 10 rebounds in the Wynne Holiday Hoops Tournament.

MICAH COLLIER, LANA GLOVER, DAVID KYLE HOOTS, ERIC MCCOY, EMILY REDDIT, HEATHER RAY, ROBBIE SCOTT

Early Wynne High School Graduates

WHS CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR SCORING 30 AND ABOVE ON ACT, WHICH BRINGS THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR TO 12.

**JOSHUA JOHNSON
LANEY SCARLETT
CODY MAULDIN
TIMOTHY TUCKER
CHRISTOPHER STRASSER**

Financial Reports

Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in December were approved. A report was given on the Senior High School Science addition and the final facilities payment for the project.

Enrollment Report

A report on student enrollment as of January 26, 2009, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,905 students. This is an increase in student enrollment from December 15, 2008’s report of 2,891.

Errors and Omissions Insurance

Three proposals were submitted for the school leader’s liability insurance coverage for 2009. A recommendation was made to accept the bid submitted by The Flanagin Agency of Forrest City representing the National Union Fire Insurance Company. The premium for 2009 will be \$6,956.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to accept the recommendation to obtain the Errors and Omissions coverage from the Flanagin Agency.

Energy Cap Program	Mr. Watson, district energy advisor, updated the Board on the Energy Cap Program and the savings on electricity, natural gas and water for the district. The cost avoidance for August 2008 - December 2008 total cost without Cap was \$42,792.78. District's actual cost \$35,231.44 with cost avoidance of \$7,561.34 equates to cost avoidance of 17.67%.						
Miss Polly's Learning Center	Superintendent discussed the future of Miss Polly's Learning Center continuing to house the district's special education students for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Frankie Blevins, a special education teacher employed by the Wynne Public School District, has resigned her position effective January 31, 2009, and will be hired by Miss Polly's to service the pre-school children.						
Resource Officer	Superintendent discussed with the board the cost associated with the school's continuing to pay full funding for a Resource Officer for the district. Currently, the district is paying a twelve month contract for the Resource Officer but has access for only nine months incurring \$10,339.80 cost for the three summer months the Resource Officer is not working for the district. Superintendent will continue to work with the City Mayor and Police Chief to resolve this issue.						
Consent Agenda	The following items were considered as consent agenda:						
Resignations	A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of resignation:						
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Adrianna Brown

**ALE Aide, High School
Effective 1/27/09**

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NON-CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Additional Responsibility:

Kathy Mingo

**From: Part-time Clerk, High School
To: Full-time Clerk/Student Supervisor
Primary School, Effective 1/5/09**

Recommended for Transfer:

Sabrenia Parker

**From: Special Education Aide, High School
To: Half Day Office Clerk, Half Day ISS
High School, Effective 1/23/09**

**Requests for Legal
Transfer
of Students**

A petition was presented by Debra Henry for the legal transfer of her children, Caitlyn Vance, Age 7 - Grade 2, and Ethan Vance, Age 5, Grade K, from the Cross County School District to the Wynne School District.

A petition was presented by Vernon Jenkins for the legal transfer of his child, William Jenkins, Age 13, Grade 8, from the Wynne School District to the Cross County School District.

ACT 1599

Act 1599 of 2001, "The Ethics Act", requires any employee, administrator or board member who may do business with the school district to report anticipated transactions. A resolution, to enter into a contract or do business with a family member, was presented on behalf of two staff members as follows:

Polly Poindexter - District may do business with company of which spouse is an owner.

Carol Uvonne Wheeler - District may do business with company of which spouse is an owner.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to employ and add responsibility of personnel as recommended by the superintendent.

**Consent Agenda
Approval**

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

**Administrator
Contracts**

Contracts for the administrative staff will be discussed in the February meeting of the board.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent informed the board of the Advance Quality Assurance visit scheduled for March 1-4, 2009.

Superintendent also discussed with the board non-reimbursement for meals for employees for non-overnight travel. According to the IRS regulations, meals for on-overnight travel are taxable as wages to the employee because travel must be away from home overnight to be excluded. Due to the small amounts paid, those reimbursements have not been included on Wynne School District employee's W-2's in the past. Since professional development has greatly increased over the last few years, the school board does not want to be put in the position where these meals are considered taxable fringe benefits and be required to report them on the employee's W-2 form. The board voted to cease reimbursement of meals for non overnight travel to be effective January 27, 2009. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to cease reimbursement of meals for non-overnight travel.

Meeting Date

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

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary