

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
March 16, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, March 16, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr., Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mr. Spencer Parker and Dr. Ben Perry, Superintendent. A host of other community members, parents, faculty, and administrators were also in attendance.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Adam Timze** A hearing was held on a student disciplinary issue involving Adam Timze, a student at Wynne Senior High School. Adam was suspended for six days or until the Board of Education could meet for the hearing.
- The parents of Adam, Mr. & Mrs. Timze, attended the meeting.
- The parents requested the hearing be closed.
- Closed Session** The board went into closed session.
- Open Meeting** The board returned to open meeting.
- The recommendation was made by the Superintendent to place Adam Timze in ALE instead of expulsion, for the remainder of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to place Adam Timze in ALE for the remainder of the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the superintendent.
- Recognitions** Congratulations to the following students who placed at the ACTM (Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Regional Math Competition on Saturday. All these students are eligible to compete in the state ACTM Math competition.
- Danny Garcia – 1st Algebra 1
Victoria Adkins – 2nd Place- Calculus
Claire Clark - 2nd Algebra 2
Stacey Knight - Honorable Mention- Calculus
Ben Stevens - 1st Geometry
Murray Lace - 2nd Geometry
- We recognize The Brotherhood Outreach Ministry. Block Captains have volunteered to monitor the school bus stops to ensure the safety of our children. The Ministry focuses on trash and debris pick-up, area crime, yard work that needs to be done if an individual is not physically able to do it, and many other tasks that promote the growth and well being of the community and the church.
- Congratulation to the Lady Jackets with their victory over Green County

Tech to claim the title of 5A East Conference Champs. Both the Jackets and the Lady Jackets made it to the 5A State play-offs with the Lady Jackets advancing to the 2nd round where they were defeated by Siloam Springs.

We recognize Mr. Felix Cross for going beyond the call of duty. Mr. Cross retrieved one box of Special Ed Portfolios that were mistakenly put in the trash bin and taken to the City dump. Mr. Cross waded through tons of trash and food to retrieve the portfolios and delivered them to the High School in order for the portfolios to be mailed to the State Department of Education for review.

We recognize Mr. Randy Yarnold, Mr. Daniel Phillians and the Cast for their wonderful performance of the Broadway Production of “Annie” with performances held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening of last week.

Wynne sweeps awards at ASU Journalism and Broadcasting Day.

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

Property Taxes A report was made to the board regarding property assessed valuation of Wynne School District. The Wynne School District’s total valuation is \$158,929,697 for 2008 with total taxes at 100% at \$5,562,539.40 with a \$289,710.02 increase taxes for 2008 calendar year.

Enrollment Report A report on student enrollment as of March 16, 2009, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,891 students. This is an increase in student enrollment from February 23, 2009’s report of 2,884.

AAA Dance Team The board approved a proposal from the superintendent to apply through Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) for a permit to form a dance team at Wynne High School for 2009-10 school year as a non-competitive, diverse, co-ed dance team. If accepted by AAA, the dance team will perform for the 2009-10 school year at all home games and will not travel to out of town games. Upon completion of the 2009-10 school year, the dance team will be reviewed for further participation in AAA as a dance team for the 2010-11 school year upon recommendation of the superintendent and approval of the board of education.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Parker and approved unanimously to allow Wynne High School to apply through AAA for a non-competitive dance team for 2009-10 school year.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, reviewed with the board the District’s ten-year facilities master plan. Mr. Lee discussed with the board items that have been completed and those items that are still under consideration for improvement.

A copy of the master plan is carried as Addendum Number I to these minutes.

Fire Hydrant Proposal The Superintendent discussed with the Board a proposal to install a fire hydrant near the corner of the football field complex as recommended by Wynne’s Fire Chief, Mr. Lynn Blake, and Director of Wynne Water

Utilities, Mr. Don O'Neal.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Carol Brown and passed unanimously to postpone the installation of the fire hydrant.

Resignations

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

Joyce Andrews Teacher, Third Grade Intermediate School
Effective End of Contract

Gayla Holbrook 7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading Sponsor
Effective End of Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to approve the resignations as submitted.

Employment

The following individuals were recommended to the Board:

CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Employment:

Lori Everett - Fulfill Extended Maternity Leave, Classroom Teacher
Wynne Junior High School
Retro-active to January 8, 2009
Teacher Salary Schedule Base Pay

Dennis Fisher - Teacher, Miss Polly's Learning Center
For Remainder of 2008-2009 School Year Only

The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.

CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Transfer:

Marie Routon From: Librarian, Intermediate School
To: Librarian, Senior High School
Effective 2009-2010 School Year

NON-CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Change of Responsibility:

Teresa Johnson From: One-on-One Aide, Intermediate School
To: Classroom Aide, Intermediate School
Retro-active to January 5, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hayes, and passed unanimously to approve those individuals recommended for hire, additional responsibility, as well as the extended time substitute.

Block Scheduling

The Superintendent discussed with the Board his recommendation for block scheduling for the 2009-2010 school year for Wynne High School. The

Superintendent recommended to the Board to keep block scheduling as is for the 2009-2010 school year instead of converting to a seven period traditional schedule. Superintendent recommended to the Board that if certain criteria and goals are not met to improve over all academic performance and other staff development to improve teaching and learning, Wynne High School will convert to a seven period schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Hayes to support the Superintendent's recommendation to allow Wynne High School to continue on with the current block schedule for the 2009-2010 school year with review to convert to a seven period schedule if certain criteria and goals are not met.

Certified Staff

Certified staff will be recommended for re-employment in the April meeting of the Board.

**Superintendent's
Report
Meeting Date**

The Superintendent had no items to report to the Board.

The date of the next regular board meeting will be April 20, 2009.

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary