

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
April 19, 2010

Roll Call	<p>The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, April 19, 2010. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mr. Spencer Parker, Dr. Neall Jackson and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. The following individuals were also present: Mr. Harold Hardwick and Mrs. Glenda Haynes, First National Bank of Wynne; Mrs. Stephanie Emerson, Teacher and Personnel Policy Committee Representative; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Principal, Primary School; Mrs. Sandra Holloway, Principal, Intermediate School; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Assistant Principal, Intermediate School; Mr. David Stepp, Principal, Junior High School; Mr. Blake Marsh, Assistant Principal, Junior High School; Mr. Keith Watson, Principal, Senior High School; Mrs. Sandra Smith, Assistant Principal, Senior High School; Mr. Steve Morris, Assistant Principal, Senior High School; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager, Mr. Lindell Staggs, KWYN and a host of other faculty and community members.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.</p>
Recognitions	<p>E.A.S.T. Class-- Superior Rating at National EAST conference in Hot Springs March 2-4. Conference Team Members: Lisa Wolgamott, Dereneque Davis, Tiffany Huynh, Austin Smith, Taylor Bassham, David Counce, Denton Trail, Taylor Taegtmeier.</p> <p>The Wynne School District End of Course scores indicated that 47% of our students who took the EOC Algebra 1 exam in the fall semester scored Advance; while 41% were proficient for a combined score of (87%). This compares to 73% of the state schools that are on a block schedule. Only 1 student did not "pass" that will have to be retested. End of Course scores, Fall 2009-10 in Geometry the district had 23% Advanced and 58% proficient for (80%) overall performance. Compared to (76% statewide), our highest combined score so far. Biology, however, only had 3% Advanced and 20% proficient for 23% combined score (statewide-40%). This is an area the district will target for improvement.</p> <p>Mr. Yarnold and the cast of Secret Garden for an outstanding performance!</p> <p>These students were selected to attend Governor's School - Marlies Biesinger in mathematics; Brandy Gerry in social studies; DeAnna Snyder in social studies.</p> <p>Wynne Intermediate School received an \$800.00 grant awarded from Youth Advisory Council.</p> <p>The Wynne School District has been awarded a \$244,000 Reading First Grant from Arkansas Department of Education for Year VII.</p>

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<p>Financial Reports</p>	<p>Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in March were approved.</p>		
<p>Financial Audit</p>	<p>A report was made on the audit of the district for the year ended June 30, 2009. The audit was filed by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on April 9, 2010.</p>		

Reading First Supplemental Grant	The Wynne School District has received \$38, 259.00 to supplement Reading First Grants by purchasing materials, providing professional development, and promoting literacy achievement for K-3 students and K-12 Special Education literacy.
Property Assessed Valuation	Business Manager, Frankie Sullivan discussed with the board the property assessed valuation taxes to collect is \$5,562,539.40. Increase in taxes total \$78,197.31.
Alexander & Co.	Superintendent reported that the Wynne School District employees have successfully enrolled in the 2010 open enrollment of Employee Benefits with Alexander & Company. Employees of the Wynne School District can now have access to their benefit summary by contacting a benefit representative or by going on-line at the employee's convenience.
Enrollment	The superintendent reported to the board that there is a continual decrease in student enrollment at approximately 70 students for the 2010-11 school year.
Certified Personnel Policy Committee	Mrs. Stephanie Emerson, the Certified Personnel Policy Representative, presented a proposed policy on bonus pay for Nation Board Certified teachers and changes to policy 3.19J Certified Personnel Policies Committee. The board will make a decision on the proposed policy revisions at the May 17, 2010 board meeting.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	
First National Bank	The board approved First National Bank of Wynne proposal to use the Yellow Jackets' logo as advertisement on its debit card. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to allow First National Bank of Wynne to use the Yellowjacket logo on its debit card as recommended by the superintendent.
Cafeteria & Storage Facilities Bid	Jerry Lee, Director of Transportation and Maintenance, reported to the board that Nabholz Construction has started construction on the districts' storage facility with a savings of \$43,921 less than the budgeted estimate. Mr. Lee also reported Nabholz Construction will be forwarding a bid for the high school cafeteria at the next scheduled board meeting in May.
Federal Government Programs	A recommendation was made by the superintendent for the district to continue participation in the Federal Government Programs for the 2010-2011 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to continue participation in the Federal Government Programs as recommended by the superintendent.
Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union	The board discussed and tabled a decision for the Wynne School District to seek membership with Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union until the May meeting of the board.

Request for Legal Transfer	<p>A petition was presented for the legal transfer of a student from the Wynne District to the Cross County School District as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Student</u></th> <th><u>Age</u></th> <th><u>Grade</u></th> <th><u>Parent</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Hunter Middleton</td> <td>17</td> <td>11</td> <td>Anita Richardson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jordan Forrester</td> <td>17</td> <td>11</td> <td>Sharon Cathey</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A petition was presented and denied for the legal transfer of a student from Wynne Public Schools to Cross County School District as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>STUDENT</u></th> <th><u>Age</u></th> <th><u>Grade</u></th> <th><u>Parent</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Logan K. Snyder</td> <td>5</td> <td>Pre K</td> <td>Leigh Ann Snyder</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Parent</u>	Hunter Middleton	17	11	Anita Richardson	Jordan Forrester	17	11	Sharon Cathey	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Parent</u>	Logan K. Snyder	5	Pre K	Leigh Ann Snyder
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2010-2011 School Calendar	<p>A discussion was held on a proposed academic school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. The Certified Personnel Policy Committee was consulted during the development of the calendar. The calendar complies with state guidelines.</p> <p>Five staff development days will occur prior to classes for students to begin on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The other five staff development days will occur on Mondays the remainder of the school year .</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First semester will end on December 17, 2010. The calendar includes seven scheduled holidays, ten days for Christmas and one week for spring break. Graduation, 2011, will be held on Friday evening, May 20. This calendar provides 178 student days and 190 minimum workdays for all certified staff. The calendar was submitted to the entire certified staff for approval.</p> <p>It is noted in the calendar that make-up days for snow/ice will be taken from Spring Break, and/or April staff development day, and/or Good Friday.</p> <p>A copy of the 2010-2011 school calendar is included as Addendum Number I to these minutes.</p>																				
Approval of School Resource Officer Contract	<p>The board discussed the contract to hire a School Resource Officer through the City of Wynne for a nine month period for the 2010-2011 school year. The contract will be binding upon both parties and can be canceled or terminated by either party upon 30 days notice.</p>																				
Update of Current Policies	<p>A recommendation was made to update the following current policies:</p> <p>4.45 Smart Core Curriculum and Graduation Requirements 4.45.1 Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2014 5.16 Graduation Requirements 5.16 .1 Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2014</p>																				
Resignations	<p>A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of</p>																				

Non-Certified Employees	Reemployment of the non-certified staff will be held in the regular May meeting of the board.
Superintendent's Reports	<p>The Michael Baisden Show, a nationally syndicated radio show featured locally on KAPW FM/Power 99.3, will broadcast live from Wynne High School auditorium as part of "The One Million Mentors Campaign", which encourages qualified adults to sign up as mentors. The program will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21.</p> <p>Team Leadership XV- The Board and Superintendent Relationship- The 15th Annual Joint Leadership Conference of Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators & the Arkansas School Boards Association, May 11, 2010, Little Rock.</p> <p>Wynne Junior High School presented its 1st Annual Literacy Fair which was a great success whereby students recited poems, dressed up as story book characters, showcased their design projects and read literary stories.</p> <p>Volunteer reception will be held on April 21st at the Wynne Primary School cafeteria from 9:00-10:00 a.m. This event will recognize volunteers district wide who have volunteered on all campuses.</p> <p>Wynne Bookcase Project will be moved from April 25 to May 23, 2010. The project will provide fifty bookcases and books to elementary students in need and to encourage reading at an early age.</p> <p>Wynne High School Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m. The speakers this year will be Wynne High School Alumni, Mr. Vincent Lyons of Carl Junction, Mo. and Mr. Elliot Lyons of Peachtree, Georgia.</p> <p>Arkansas Department of Education will be conducting a district-wide Special Education Monitoring May 3-6, 2010.</p> <p>The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, at its April 9, 2010 meeting sent a letter to Wynne School District thanking the district in achieving substantial compliance with Arkansas Fiscal and Financial laws applicable to the entity and encouraged the district to continue these efforts as well as maintain conformity with accepted accounting practices and procedures.</p> <p>Attorney General, Dustin McDaniel will be the guest speaker at Wynne Intermediate School's D.A.R.E. program on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Wynne High School auditorium.</p>
	The date of the next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Adj.	The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary