

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
August 17, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, August 17, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Melvin Taylor and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr. and Mr. Spencer Parker were unable to attend. Also present were: Mr. Rustie Jones, Sign Systems, Inc; Ms. Karen Johns, Parent; Nichole Johns, student; Breanne Johns, student; Mrs. George Ann Draper; Mr. Carl Easley, Secondary Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Elementary Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High Assistant Principal; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary Principal; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mr. David Goodin, Athletic Director; Mrs. Allyson Goodin, Teacher; Mrs. Janice Young, staff, Ms. Adrianna Brown, staff; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Mr. Paul Griggs, Maintenance; Ms. Sara Morris, Wynne Progress.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Financial Report** Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in July were approved. The 2009-2010 school budget will be presented and discussed with the board at the September 21, 2009 board meeting. The Stimulus Review Team has determined that Wynne School District Local Education Agency's (LEA) Stimulus Plan for SFS, IDEA ARRA, and have been accepted for funding.
- Certified Substitute Expenditures** Superintendent reported to the board since between the 1988-89 and 2008-09 school years, substitute expenditures have increased significantly. The difference in the total cost per year and the actual cost to the district was paid by other programs, special grants, or by the employee.
- Cafeteria Reimbursement Rates** A report was presented on the meal reimbursement rates for the 2009-2010 school year along with the commodity allowance which the District will receive from the federal government.
- Energy Report** Mr. Watson, District Energy Advisor, updated the Board on the Energy Management Program and the savings on electricity, natural gas and water for the district. The cost avoidance for January 2009 – June 2009 totals \$31,691.46. A cost avoidance percentage of 15.88%.
- Student Enrollment** A report on the student enrollment as of August 17, 2009, was given. The report indicated the total enrollment to be 2,911 students. The three quarter ADM average for the 2008-09 school year was 2,908.
- Marquee Sign Bids** The Superintendent presented to the board five bids to place a Marquee sign at the Wynne School District on Falls Blvd. The companies submitting bids were Advantage, Houston, Texas; Daktronics, Little Rock, Arkansas; Golden Rule Sign, Louisville, Kentucky; Sign Systems, Jonesboro, Arkansas and Stewart Signs, Sarasota, Florida which did not meet specs. The board

voted to table the discussion until next board meeting so that superintendent could obtain commitment from other organizations to support the cost of the sign and seek an estimated cost of electrical outfitting of the sign to main terminal access of district facility.

**Construction
Projects Status**

Mr. Lee reported to the board that all construction projects at Wynne Intermediate School such as the replacement of the roof, installing new windows and construction on the restrooms are going well and will be completed within the stated timeline and within budget.

Consent Agenda

School Election

A report was made on the annual school election which will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. The location of the polling place.

**Polling Place
Cross County Courthouse
705 East Union
Wynne, Arkansas 72396**

**Sales Tax
Resolution**

The board approved a resolution to support a county wide 1% sales tax to support economic development in the Cross County area.

A copy of the resolution is attached as Addendum Number I to these minutes.

**Student Transfer
Requests**

A petition was submitted for the legal transfer of students from the Wynne School District to the following districts:

Cross County School District:

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Parent</u> |
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| Allison Davis | Erika Davis Collins |
| Ashley Collins | Erika Davis Collins |
| Anfernee Davis | Erika Davis Collins |
| Amari Davis | Erika Davis Collins |
| Carlo Collins, Jr. | Erika Davis Collins |
| Carli Smith | Kay Wood |
| Nikki Dill | Kimberly Deaton |
| Demario Lately | Eunice Carter |

MrCroy School District:

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| BreAnna Johns | Karen Johns |
| Charlie Johns | Karen Johns |

Resignations

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

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| Carrie Melton | Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Primary |
| Leigh Price | Math Coach, Grades 6-12 |

Employment

The following individuals were recommended to the board for employment, additional responsibility, or transfer:

CERTIFIED:

Recommended for Employment or Additional Responsibility:

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| Beaux Reynolds | Half –Time P.E. Teacher, Primary One Year Contract, 186 Days |
| Susan Ross | Fifth Grade Teacher, Intermediate Retro-Active to August 10, 2009 Three years probation – Must successfully complete Non-Traditional Program |
| Melanie Green | Third Grade Teacher, Intermediate 190 Day Contract, Retro-Active to August 10, 2009, Three years probation |
| Jeremy Mangrum | Social Studies, Junior High School, Coaching Asst. Sr. Basketball, Asst. 9th Grade Football Three years probation, 205 Day Contract Retro-Active to July 27, 2009 |
| Christina Craig | English/Science Teacher, Junior High Three years probation, 190 Day Contract |
| Sharon Sisk | From: Math Teacher To: Math Coach, Grades 6 – 8 190 Day Contract |

NON-CERTIFIED

Recommended for Employment:

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| Tony Jones | Alternative School Assistant, Grade 6-12 Stipend for ALE Assistant |
| Jessica King | Early Intervention Aide, Intermediate Stimulus funded one year contract |
| Shatavia Robinson | Early Intervention Aide, Intermediate Stimulus funded one year contract |
| Rebecca Strasser | Nurse, Intermediate Retroactive to August 17, 2009 |
| Larry Askeland | Maintenance/Carpenter Contingent upon providing proof of past 14 yrs experience in A Public school |
| Melissa Mickey | Clerk, Primary |
| Cara Pribble | Early Intervention Aide, Primary Stimulus funded one year contract |
| Greg Hubbard | Part-time Cafeteria Cook (4 hrs), Junior High |
| Judy Curtright | Part-time Cafeteria Cook (4 hrs), Primary |

The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check and/or the Child Maltreatment Registry Check as required by state law.

Recommended for Change in Responsibility:

**Tommie Harris
(no action in July)**

**From: CBI Classroom, Senior High School
To: CBI Classroom, Primary School**

Felix Cross

**From: Cafeteria Part-time, Maintenance Part-time
To: Maintenance Full Time**

Sharon Caldwell

**From: Primary Clerk, 180 Days
To: Primary Clerk, 185 Days**

Increase pay from \$ 7.50 per hour to \$ 9.50 per hour for Bus Extra Duty and Shuttle Duty (effective Monday August 17, 2009)

Report to Patrons

The annual report to the patrons on the district's progress toward realizing the goals and objectives set forth in its long range plans will held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior High School Cafeteria. Channel 17 will re-broadcast the Annual Report to Patron in its entirety.

Consent Agenda

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

Regular Agenda

Superintendent's Discussion

The Superintendent discussed with the Board how well the opening of the first day of school went for teachers and staff. Paul Vitale, speaker, greeted staff and discussed with them the importance of having a positive attitude and providing customer service to our clientele.

Superintendent discussed the training and implementation of Barton Reading and Spelling program designed for students K-adults, who have not yet learned to read by other methods; and the implementation of a new program called "Talk About It" an anonymous tip line to assist students in reporting issues or concerns to administrators and faculty members by using a computer based system or text messaging. Also, board members were introduced to Positive Behavior Support System, a K-5 grade program to promote positive behavior among students and staff.

Superintendent reported the district has adopted and will use Biometric Technology at the Primary and Intermediate Schools starting this school year in an effort to speed up meal service and offer privacy and convenience. The system will allow students to use a finger scan to identify themselves and use deposited funds for meal purchases. Two school districts in Arkansas, Arkadelphia and Pangburn, are using this system.

The district received its official accreditation letter on June 23, 2009, officially awarding Wynne School District accreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through AdvancEd Accreditation

Commissioner.

Superintendent recognized Ms. Hollaway in her acceptance into Phase III of the Arkansas Leadership Academy's Master Principal Institute.

Also reported to the board that the district is currently going through a financial audit from the State of Arkansas.

Meeting Date

The date of the next regular board meeting will be September 21, 2009.

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary