

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
February 15, 2010

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, February 15, 2010. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Spencer Parker, Dr. Neall Jackson and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. The following individuals were also present: Mr. David Porter, Polk Stanley Architects; Brandon Erwin, Nabholz Construction; Mr. Steve Jones, Steve Jones Chrysler; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary School Principal; Mrs. Cindy Kinard, Primary School Assistant Principal; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High Assistant Principal; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Ms. Robbie Roach, Junior High Dean; Mr. Lindell Staggs, KWYN; Mr. John Kenny, Wynne Progress and a host of other faculty, staff and community members.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Recognitions** United States Senator, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, recognized Wynne Intermediate School's Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Program as an outstanding program of the month for December 2009. RIF prepares and motivates children to read by delivering free books and literacy resources to children and families who need them the most. Wynne Intermediate School's recognition as "RIF" program of the month was recorded in Congressional Records on January 20, 2010.
- 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 12, 2010, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,859 students. This is a decrease in student enrollment from the January 7, 2010 report of 2,869.
- Calendar Change for Snow Days** Superintendent presented to the board changes to the 2009-10 school calendar to make up for 6.5 days lost due to inclement weather.
- April 2 Good Friday
- April 5 Staff Dev Day
- (Teacher Staff Development Make -Up April 5 4-6 Pm, April 19 4-6 Pm & May 3 4-6 Pm)
- Saturday February 27
- Saturday March 13

June 1

June 2

June 3 ½ Student Make-Up / Teacher Closeout

June 4 Flex

Superintendent discussed making up the half day, or 3 hours of instruction, by extending the school day for 30 minutes March 1, 2,8,9,15,16 if granted by ADE.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker and approved unanimously to use the proposed days as snow make-up days.

Nabholz Bids for Cafeteria & Storage Facility

Superintendent discussed with the board plans to renovate the Wynne High School cafeteria and build a storage facility at the administrative complex.

A motion was made by Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Brown and passed unanimously for Nabholz Construction to take bids and order metal material for the storage/ freezer facility.

The board also approved Nabholz Construction to take bids on the proposed cafeteria renovation at Wynne High School but voted not to proceed on with the renovation of the cafeteria until bids are received and reviewed by the board.

Energy Cap Program

Mr. Watson discussed with the board the Energy CAP, cost avoidance program for the Wynne School District which has saved the Wynne School District a cost avoidance of 14.61% at a cost avoidance savings of \$55,674.83. Cost without the CAP would have cost the district \$381,101.84. Wynne School District actual cost for the district to operate district's facilities would have been \$325,427.01 without the CAP saving measures.

Steve Jones Dealership Property

Mr. Steve Jones of Steve Jones Motors presented to the board a proposal for the Wynne School District to purchase property adjacent to Wynne High School campus located at 1110 North Falls Blvd. in Wynne.

The board unanimously rejected the proposed offer due to the district's inability to afford to purchase the property at the proposed price of \$250,000. The board requested the superintendent to seek an appraisal of the property before the matter be brought forward to the board at our March 16, 2010, board meeting.

Alexander & Co

Superintendent discussed with the board the process the district has made by hiring Alexander and Company to represent the Wynne School District as its benefits representative.

Alexander & Company was selected as our Employee Benefit Broker for the purpose of reviewing school benefits to consolidate and enhance our benefit portfolio. An employee from each area of our district, such as Cafeteria, Maintenance, Bus, Certified, Classified and Management were selected to form a Selection Committee to design a benefit package for the Wynne School employees. The committee's first meeting was November 17, 2009. Benefits were selected by the committee. Alexander & Company sent

Requests for Proposals to companies asking for benefits to meet our desires as selected by the Committee.

On January 20, 2010, Alexander & Company returned to the committee a group of companies with their quotes for benefits and prices. The Committee selected one company for each plan (Long & Short Term Disability, Life, Insurance, Critical Care, Vision and Dental).

On February 2, 2010, Frankie Sullivan and Priscilla Rhodes met with the vendors selected to review the Master Applications. Wynne School District and Alexander & Company technology teams met and discussed the new benefit website and our district capacity to manage the new benefit system. Wynne School District and Alexander & Company agreed to set up weekly conference calls on Wednesdays to discuss Weekly Updates and any Immediate Required Actions.

All Wynne School District employees will be required to participate in a one hour overview by Alexander & Company to present the new benefits. Meetings will be held at each school and Bus Shop on April 5th and 6th. Enrollment Week will be April 12 thru 16th. Staff will be trained in our benefit packages. Alexander & Company representatives will be at all Wynne schools that week to meet with each employee to select their benefits for the new enrollment year beginning July 2010.

Talk About It

Superintendent shared with the board the anonymous tip-line that is being implemented in the Wynne Junior and Senior High Schools. The Tip-Line has been very successful for students to report safety concerns or issues.

Legal Transfer Request

A petition was presented and approved for the legal transfer of a student from Wynne Public Schools to Cross County School District as follows:

PARENT

Evelyn Smith

STUDENT

Daniel Turnbow Grade 9

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of the student as recommended by the superintendent.

Resignations

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

Barbara Westbrook

**English, Senior High School
Effective 1/10/2010**

Randall Yarnold

**Speech, Senior High School
Bus Driver, District
Effective End of Current Contract**

David Goodin

**Reduction of Duties
Junior High Track Assistant
Stipend Reduction**

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

February 16, 2010, Cafeteria Review Committee will visit Wynne Intermediate School to conduct an audit.

February 17, 2010, Arkansas Department of Education will visit the Wynne School District to conduct a district-wide Standards Review Audit.

February 26, 2010, Superintendent is scheduled to meet with Arkansas Department of Education Facilities committee to appeal the facilities decision to not award partnership funding to the Wynne School District for the roofing project at Wynne Intermediate School during 2008-09 school year.

Superintendent reported to the board that March 16th will be our next board meeting, while March 22-26, 2010 will be the district's spring break.

Meeting Date **The date of the next regular board meeting will be March 16, 2010.**

Adj. **The meeting was then adjourned.**

President

Secretary