

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas  
March 16, 2010

- Roll Call**                   The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, March 16, 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: Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary School Principal; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School 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; Mrs. Sandra Smith, Senior High Asst. Principal; Mr. Steve Morris, Senior High Asst. Principal; 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; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, District Business Manager; 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.
- Daniel Hare**               A hearing was held on a student disciplinary issue involving Daniel Hare, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Wynne High School. Daniel was suspended for 6 days or until the Board of Education could meet for the hearing.
- The Mother of Daniel, Ms. Loretta Hare, attended the meeting with her son. Ms. Hare requested the hearing to be opened.
- A recommendation was made by the superintendent to expel Daniel Hare from Wynne School District for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
- A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously for the expulsion of Daniel Hare from the Wynne School District for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the superintendent.
- Recognitions**            **Congratulations to Mr. Randy Yarnold after 40 years of teaching at Wynne High School.**
- Congratulations to Coach Bobby Gross, coaching staff, and the Wynne High School boys basketball team for winning the 5A East Conference Championship with a 13-1 record and earning a 1<sup>st</sup> seed placement in the East Regional state tournament and making it to the state finals.**
- Wynne High School East-Lab participated in the east lab competition held in Hot Springs at the Hot Springs Convention Center, March 2-4, 2010. Wynne High School received a superior rating for their display.**
- Congratulations to the ACTM Regional Math Contest winners:**
- Calculus: 2nd Place - Katie Dugan, 3rd Place - Zane Sturm, Honorable Mention - Colby Perry**

**Trig/Pre Calculus: 2nd Place - Kelsey Smith, 3rd Place - Haley Arens  
Algebra 2: 1st Place - Marlies Biesinger, 2nd Place - Michael Ward  
Geometry: 1st Place - Danny Garcia, 2nd Place - Mason Barnes**

**Twenty-three members from Wynne High School's newspaper staff and broadcast journalism staff, and their advisers, Stephanie Emerson and Jane Andrews, attended the 72nd Annual Journalism and Broadcasting Day at Arkansas State University, in Jonesboro, March 13. Wynne students won 27 awards. Wynne High School students received a First Place plaque for their efforts in the Sweepstakes Competition, where awards were presented on the total points for all awards won in all competitions. In the newspaper competition, editions of the *YELLOWJACKET* won first place for General Excellence. In video production, where schools submitted previously taped videos, broadcast journalism students won First Place in Public Service Announcement and Sports Video; Second in Music Video; and Third in Documentary Short and Sports Event. Twenty-five students won in the individual competitions.**

<b>Financial Reports</b>	<b>Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in February were approved.</b>
<b>ARRA Stabilization Update</b>	<b>Superintendent reported to the board that AARA stabilization funding for Wynne School District Phase I of the funding has been allocated and several projects are underway. The district Phase II funding of \$736,985, which is 33%, will not be allocated to the district until Governor Mike Bebee makes a decision as to how to allocate the remaining 33% of the stabilization funding to Arkansas school districts.</b>
<b>Financial Audit Update</b>	<b>Superintendent gave the board a report on the State of Arkansas Financial Audit for the 2008-2009 fiscal school year. The overall audit revealed the Wynne School District is in compliance with state and federal regulations and financial procedures and has met all financial standards related to governance of district funds.</b>
<b>Property Assessed Valuation Report</b>	<b>Superintendent reported to the board that the District has not received the property assessed valuation report at time of the meeting. It should be available for the April meeting of the board.</b>
<b>Enrollment Report</b>	<b>A report on student enrollment as of March 12, 2010, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,837 students. This is a decrease in student enrollment from the February 12, 2010 report of 2,859.</b>
<b>Benchmark Preparation &amp; Test Dates</b>	<b>Principals reported to the board their schools' academic preparation for the Benchmark test and shared testing dates for the high school.</b>
<b>Chad Davidson</b>	<b>A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to employ Chad Davidson Academic Facilities Planning Consultant as recommended by the superintendent for a contract amount of \$4,700.00.</b>
<b>Legal Transfer Request</b>	<b>A petition was presented and approved for the legal transfer of a student from Wynne Public Schools to Forrest City School District as follows:</b>

**PARENT**

**STUDENT**

Lisa Powers

Jessica L. Powers

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of Jessica L. Powers as recommended by the superintendent.

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

**PARENT**

Leigh Ann Snyder

**STUDENT**

Logan K. Snyder

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to deny the transfer of Logan K. Snyder as recommended by the superintendent.

**Resignations**

A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of resignation effective at the end of their current contract:

Janie Baber

English, Senior High School

Ann Pearson

Bus Driver, District  
P/T Cafeteria Cashier, High School

Cynda Sutherland

Cafeteria Manager, Jr. High

Jennifer Melton

Cafeteria Cashier, Jr. High

Jennifer Wilson

Senior High Cheer Coach

Cindy Easley

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach

Laura Owens

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach

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

**Employment**

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

**CERTIFIED:**

Recommended for Employment:

Jamie Jaynes

English Teacher, High School  
Effective March 17, 2010 Until End of Current  
School Year

**NON-CERTIFIED:**

Recommended for Employment:

Sue Edwards

Janice Richardson

After School Bus Drivers \$25.00 per day

**Recommended Change of Duties:**

**Doris Tucker**

**From: Licensed Social Worker**

**To: Attendance/Case Worker**

**Salary based on \$150 per day**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to employ the above named individual and approve the change of duties as recommended by the superintendent.**

**Steve Jones  
Property Appraisal**

**Superintendent reported to the board that the District has not received the property appraisal at time of the meeting. It should be available for the April meeting of the board.**

**Certified Contracts**

**The contracts of all certified staff will be presented for consideration in the April board meeting.**

**Superintendent's  
Report**

**The Superintendent shared the following items with the board:**

**Spring Break will be held from March 22-26, 2010.**

**National School Board Association 2010 Conference in Chicago, Illinois is set along with the arrangements of hotel and transportation.**

**Mr. Yarnold will be conducting his final drama performance, "The Secret Garden", at Wynne High School April 8-10, 2010, at the Wynne High School Auditorium. The only available time for board members who are attending NSBA Conference to watch the performance will be April 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Superintendent invited the board to the Superintendent Academy III, Board/Superintendent Visioning to be held April 23, 24 and 25, 2010 at JQ Hammond Conference Center at Rogers, Arkansas.**

**Mrs. Hollaway, a participant of the Master Principal Program will be presenting her paper at the Arkansas Leadership Academy at Petit Jean Mountain Resort on April 22, 2010. This is the final phase of a three-year commitment.**

**Wynne School District is now accepting School Choice Applications for the 2010-2011 school year.**

**Arkansas Department of Education will be monitoring the district's Gifted and Talented program on March 18, 2010 and the district's special education program in April, 2010.**

**Superintendent informed the board of an internal audit of the Wynne School District's ARRA Title 1 expenditures. The internal audit will be conducted by the Office of Accounting, Department of Finance and Administration for the period ending September 30, 2009 in a random sampling of state-wide districts.**

**The Standards of Assurance audit was conducted by Arkansas Department of Education on February 17, 2010. The reporting out conference with ADE Standards of Assurance officials indicated that the Wynne School District met all ADE'S mandated standards and required the district to focus on minor policies corrections. ADE's report will be forwarded to the Wynne School District within 30 days and the district has 90 days to**

respond to any corrections identified by ADE.

**Ms. Kristen Allen, RD, area specialist from Arkansas Department of Education Child Nutrition Program, conducted a Coordinated Review Effort Audit. This audit was conducted on February 17-19, 2010, at Wynne Junior High School. The audit revealed child nutrition records reviewed were in good order and in compliance with state and federal regulations and procedures. The Auditor indicated that Mrs. Polly Poindexter did an excellent job of having everything prepared for the audit.**

**On February 26, 2010, Superintendent and Jerry Lee, Director of Transportation and Maintenance, attended an appeals hearing regarding the denial of funding of the Wynne Intermediate School's roofing project. After receiving evidence and testimony from both parties, an official letter was received on March 2, 2010, from Staff Attorney Tripp Walter indicating that the Academic Facilities Review Board voted to uphold the decision of the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to deny funding for the roofing project. District may appeal the Academic Facilities Review Board's decision by submitting to the Division a written request for an appeal to the Commissioner for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation within thirty (30) days of receipt of letter.**

**The State of Arkansas was not among the finalist to receive "Race to the Top" funding during Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan's announcement of states who received Phase I funding according to Arkansas Department of Education, Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell. Dr. Kimbrell stated that Arkansas will start planning for Phase II funding. On February 25, 2010, the district received a monitoring visit from Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Ms. Dana Davis, Public School Program Advisor for ADE, conducted the visit. Overall, the monitoring of SES in the district went extremely well with only a few corrections needing district attention. The district has an identified time line to submit the corrections to ADE.**

**Meeting Date**

**The date of the next regular board meeting will be April 19, 2010.**

**Adj.**

**The meeting was then adjourned.**

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**President**

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**Secretary**