

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
May 17, 2010

Roll Call	<p>The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, May 17, 2010. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Spencer Parker, Dr. Neall Jackson and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Mr. Melvin Taylor was unable to attend. Rob Hopper, Parent; Robie Hopper, Student; Mrs. Tommie Puryear, Non-Certified Personnel Representative; Mr. Thomas Evans; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Principal, Primary School; Mrs. Cindy Kinard, Assistant Principal, Primary School; Mrs. Sandra Holloway, Principal, Intermediate School; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Assistant Principal, Intermediate School; Mr. David Stepp, 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; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Services; and Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mrs. Era Bankston and Ms. Teresa Johnson, Intermediate Staff; Mrs. Laravina Evans, HS Cafeteria and Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.</p>
Recognitions	<p>The following students placed in the Sr. Boys District Meet: Josh Selvy-9th grade-Triple Jump, Long Jump, 4x100meter relay Jerry Perry-11th grade-4x100meter relay, 400 meter run Russell Carter-11th grade-4x100 meter relay, High Jump Colby Perry-12th grade- Shot Ramille Winfrey-11th grade-4x100 meter relay</p> <p>The following students placed in the Sr. Girls District Meet: Ikeia Smith-12th grade- 3rd in Shot and Discus Melody McGill-10th grade- 1st in 300 Meter Hurdles, 8th in long jump, 4th in 100 Meter Dash Vianca Williams-9th grade- 1st in Triple Jump, 4th in 300 Meter Hurdles</p> <p>Wynne High School has a state champion in girls track!!! Congratulations to Melody McGill for winning the 300 meter hurdles in the 5A State track meet Friday in Paragould. She also placed 9th in the 100 Meter Dash. As the 5A state champion, Melody went on to compete in the Meet of Champs in Hot Springs Saturday, May 8, 2010 where she placed 6th in the state of Arkansas!!!</p> <p>The following students also placed in the State Meet: Vianca Williams- 6th in 300 Meter Hurdles Ikeia Smith - 8th in both Shot and Discus Josh Selvy placed 8th in the long jump</p>

Student Athletic Scholarship Signings:

Kennan Jumper: UAM-Monticello; Morgan Baldwin: CBC Conway; Lanora Bryant: Northwest Mississippi Junior College; Jordan Weaver-Iowa Western Junior College

Kirk Merrell signed a ROTC scholarship for \$90,000 to U of A.

Congratulations to the WHS Lady Jackets Softball Team and Coaches for clinching the 5A East Conference Championship for the Lady Jackets' first ever outright conference title and a chance to defend their 2009 5A State Championship title.

Briar Loeschner has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the Southern American Middle School Students Chinese Language Contest, which was issued by Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston, TX on April 18. He is one of eight high school students who took part in the competition and the only one in an Arkansas high school who has had a second year of Chinese.

Twenty-five members from the Wynne High School STINGER yearbook staff, the YELLOWJACKET newspaper staff, and the KJTV broadcast staff and their advisors, Stephanie Emerson, and Jane Andrews, attended the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association Convention at the Embassy Suites and John Q. Hammonds Convention Center at Rogers April 14-16, where they received approximately 100 awards in yearbook, newspaper, photography, and broadcast. Prior to attending this convention, different entries were submitted from this year's 2010 STINGER, YELLOWJACKET and KJTV broadcasts. From those entries, students won awards from articles, photographs, lay-outs and designs they completed for this year's yearbook, newspaper, and from segments they produced for broadcast. The 2009 STINGER, the 2010 YELLOWJACKET newspaper, and the KJTV broadcast all won superiors and All Arkansas honors. This is the state's highest journalism honor. In addition, Wynne High School was elected to serve as the Media School for the 2011 state convention that will be held in April 2011.

Wynne High School's Secret Garden production has been nominated for the 2010 Orpheum High School Musical Theater Awards in the following categories: Best Musical Direction, Best Hair & Make-Up Design, Best Artistic Innovation, and Best Actor – John Phillians as Archibald Craven. Way to go!!!!

Henry Thompson, District Building Engineer, was elected to ESP Member-at-Large Position 3 on the AEA Board.

This spring, some of the most academically talented 7th graders in the United States were recognized for their exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT through the Duke University talent identification 7th grade talent search program. This program identifies students in 16 states who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test.

	<p>For us, that is the SAT 10 on the Augmented Benchmark exam. We had twenty-four students who qualified for the program and seventeen students chose to participate in the program. Of our seventeen students who participated, ten students received state recognition. This means that these seventh grade students scored equal to or better than 50% of the college-bound seniors who took the tests and are in the top 36% of the talent search pool. The honored students are: Caitlyn Ball, Joseph Cooper, Ruth Crawford, Dakota Gahr, Casey Graves, Noah Haney, Margaret McClanahan, Anna Mears, Gil Thomas, and Laura Ward.</p>
Robie Kay Hopper	<p>A hearing was held on a disciplinary issue involving Robie Hopper, a student at Wynne High School. Robie was suspended for 10 days or until the Board of Education could meet for the hearing. The parent of the student attended the meeting and requested the hearing to be closed.</p> <p>A recommendation was made by the superintendent to expel Robie Hopper from Wynne School District for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2009-10 school year.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously for the expulsion of Robie Hopper from the Wynne School District for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the superintendent.</p>
Financial Reports	<p>Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in April were approved.</p>
Enrollment	<p>The superintendent shared the Wynne School District attendance trends and the loss of students by grade levels with the board.</p>
Cafeteria & Storage Facilities	<p>Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, reported to the board that plans to go forward this June with the renovation of the Wynne High School cafeteria is scheduled. The district is still waiting for final approval from Arkansas Department of Education Academic Facilities. Mr. Lee also reported that the district storage facility is on target to be completed in June 2010.</p>
Summer School Update	<p>Mrs. Kathy Lee discussed the district's plan to conduct summer school for students at the Intermediate and Primary Schools from June 7– June 25, 2010. There will be approximately 125 slots available for students in grades K - 8 that will be eligible to attend summer school. Currently, over 175 students have applied for the summer school program. Summer school funding has been secured and will serve as a supplemental service program.</p>
Special Education Audit	<p>Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Education, shared the Arkansas Department of Education's findings during the district's special education audit process. The audit revealed that the district has met many state and federal special education standards. However, the district will need to comply within 90 days to correct standards indentified by ADE's audit findings.</p>

Projected Federal Program Cuts	Mrs. Kathy Lee, Asst. Superintendent, reported possible cuts in federal program funding for the 2010-11 school year that will affect Arkansas school districts state-wide.
Consent Agenda	
Student Accident Insurance 2010-11	<p>A discussion was held on the accident insurance coverage for athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and students involved in supervised activities for the 2010-2011 school year.</p> <p>The Superintendent recommended continuing with the “High Option Plan” offered by United Healthcare on the basis of coverage provided and annual premium. The annual premium is \$10,900.00.</p> <p>The board approved the recommendation to accept the proposed Student Athletic Accident Insurance from United Healthcare Insurance for 2010-2011 school year.</p>
Race to the Top MOU	The Superintendent recommended to the board that the Wynne School District support the State of Arkansas’ effort to secure a \$175 million dollar grant to improve teaching and learning throughout the state.
Trip Bus Bid Request	The board approved the superintendent’s recommendation to obtain bids on an athletic trip bus for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Lee indicated that the current athletic trip buses the district has average around (ten) 10 years, and there is a need to replace one trip bus that is (twelve) 12 years old.
Special Needs Bus Bids	Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, reported on plans to go forward in purchasing a special needs bus. Funding will come from the districts’ AARA special education stimulus funding.
AVID Program	The Superintendent recommended to the board not to move forward to pursue Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) at the Wynne Junior High School for the 2010-11 school year due to the district’s finances.
Certified Personnel Policy Revision	Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the proposed policy revision of Certified Personnel Jury Duty 3.14. was tabled until June’s board meeting to discuss the intention of revising policy 3.14. by the Certified Personnel Committee.
Non-Certified Personnel Policy Revision	Tommie Puryear, the Non-Certified Personnel Policy Representative, presented to the board a proposal to include the non-certified staff in the Sick Leave Sharing and Bereavement Leave policy that is currently established for certified personnel. The board approved allowing a Sick Leave Sharing and Bereavement Policy for non-certified staff.
Resignations	A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of resignation effective at end of their current contract:

	<p>Stephanie Cockrill Special Ed Teacher, High School</p> <p>Allyson Goodin Ninth Grade Cheer Coach</p> <p>Angela Knight Fifth Grade Chairperson</p> <p>Donna Snyder Parent Facilitator, Intermediate</p> <p>James Heard Bus Driver</p> <p>Kim Vines Computer Lab Manager</p> <p>Jessica King Early Intervention Aide (Stimulus Funded)</p> <p>Shatavia Robinson Early Intervention Aide (Stimulus Funded)</p>
Consent Agenda Approval	A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to approve all items presented under the consent agenda.
Executive Session	The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of staff.
Regular Session	After the executive session, the board reconvened in a regular session.
Recommended for Employment/Additional Duties	<p>The following individuals were recommended to the board for employment, transfer, change of responsibility or additional responsibility:</p> <p><u>CERTIFIED:</u> Recommended for Employment:</p> <p>Matthew Overturf Drama/Oral Communications High School</p> <p>Danielle Kelley English, High School</p> <p>Jordan Beaux Reynolds P.E., Part-Time, Primary</p> <p>The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.</p> <p><u>Recommended for Additional Duties or Responsibilities for 2010-11:</u></p> <p>Allyson Goodin Cheer Coach, Senior High</p> <p>Melissa Marsh Chairperson - Kindergarten Lynne Turner Chairperson - 1st Grade Angela Baxter Chairperson - 2nd Grade Tanisha McCay Chairperson - 3rd Grade Donna Snyder Chairperson - 4th Grade Lisa Turner Chairperson – 5th Grade</p>

	<p>A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to approve the proposed technology salary schedule.</p>
<p>Superintendent's Reports</p>	<p>Superintendent reported to the board Wynne High School athletic awards banquet is scheduled for May 18, 2010, High School cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wynne Bookcase Project is scheduled for May 23, 2010 at Wynne High School Auditorium whereby fifty bookcases along with books will be given to four year old students who will be entering Kindergarten.</p> <p>The Superintendent reported that the Wynne High School will hold its Blue & Gold Spring football game on May 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to come out and preview the 2010 Yellow Jacket squad.</p> <p>The Wynne High School Graduating Class of 2010 will conduct its commencement on May 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Wynne High School Gymnasium.</p> <p>The 2010 National School Board Association, Southern Region Conference, will be held at The Lodge Colonial Williamsburg, July 11-13, 2010.</p> <p>Wynne School District received from Arkansas Department of Education \$28,652.16 to conduct a five week College Preparatory Enrichment Program (CPEP) summer ACT test preparation at Wynne High School.</p>
<p>Meeting</p>	<p>The date of the next regular board meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Adj.</p>	<p>The meeting was then adjourned</p>

President

Secretary