

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
November 23, 2009

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, November 23, 2009. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Dr. Neall Jackson and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Mr. Spencer Parker was unable to attend. The following individuals were also present: Dr. Robert Hayes, Former Board Member; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Asst. Superintendent; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Sandra Smith, Senior High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Steve Morris, Senior High Assistant Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High Assistant Principal; Ms. Robbie Roach, Junior High Dean; Mrs. Stephanie Lyons, Intermediate Assistant Principal; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary Principal; Cindy Kinard, Primary Assistant Principal; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Special Education Coordinator; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mr. Henry Thompson, Maintenance; Mrs. Janice Young, ALE; Ms. Adrianna Brown, Primary Aide; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Tori Jones and Sarah Stephens, Student Council; Elli Fowler and Haley McElroy, Wynne High School Publications and Ms. Sarah Morris, Wynne Progress.

Minutes

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.

Recognitions

The Wynne School District and the Board of Education honored Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr., for 10 years of leadership as a board member and serving as Vice President for the 2006-2009 school years. His service to our students and community was greatly appreciated.

Seven teachers will complete their Master's degree on December 19, 2009 at ASU with a degree in Educational Theory and Practice. The following teachers are included:

Tammy Taegtmeyer - WHS

Jamie Russell - WIS

Gayla Holbrook - WPS

Cynthia Harris - WPS

Marilyn Gaskin - WPS

Milena Hylle - WPS

Jean Simpkins - WPS

The Wynne School District and the Board of Education honored Sharon Midkiff for 33 years of service to our students, district and community.

Ms. Brenda Martin, Wynne Primary School passed her National Board Certification in the area of counseling.

Pam Gaskin (counselor) and Davya Swaite (teacher) Wynne Intermediate School both passed National Board Certification.

There were 16 teams playing in the Annual Elementary Quiz Bowl at AR State University. The teams were Wynne, Newport, Riverside, Nettleton, Marked Tree, Armorel, Osceola, Gosnell, Valley View, Marion, Brookland, Harrisburg, Bay, Trumann, and Westside.

Congratulations to the teams who placed in the Annual Elementary Quiz Bowl, at Arkansas State University: 1st place, Valley View; 2nd place, Nettleton; 3rd place, Wynne; 4th place, Harrisburg.

Financial Reports	Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in October were approved.
Student Enrollment	A report on student enrollment as of November 10, 2009 was given. The report indicated district enrollment to be 2,876 students. This is an increase in student enrollment from the October 16, 2009 report of 2,871 students.
Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act 606	Superintendent shared with the board the scholarship and grant programs offered to students through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education New Arkansas Academic Challenge (Lottery) Scholarship. This program is open to high school seniors and non-traditional students.
PTSA-Ross Ford Fundraiser	Superintendent reported the Parent/Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Athletic Department paired up with Ross Ford of Wynne to raise money to help support PTSA and district-wide athletics programs.
H1N1 Update	Mrs. Lee, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the board that over 3,700 students and staff were given H1NI vaccine through Arkansas Department of Health.
Parent Visitation Report	A report was given on the parent visitation nights which occurred recently. The percentage of parents visiting with teachers in grades K – 8 was very well attended. Emphasis on parent involvement continues to provide positive results.
Parental/Community Involvement Plan	Mrs. Lee, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the board that the district's Parental/Community Involvement Title 1 Plan has been approved.
Marquee Sign Update	Superintendent reported to the board that the district marquee sign is currently being designed and will be installed before Winter break if weather permits.
Weapon Policy on School Property	The board approved the revised Weapon Policy on School Property upon the final review by the Wynne School District's Personnel Policy Committee. Superintendent will bring the revised Weapon Policy back to the board for final approval at its December 14, 2009, board meeting with implementation effective January 4, 2010.
District-Wide Transfer Policy	The superintendent presented the board with a District-wide Transfer Policy that will allow students to request transfers only in July or March of each school year. Transfer requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will allow the school board to continue to look at transfer requests throughout the year if there is a compelling reason.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to approve the District-wide Transfer Policy with implementation effective January 4, 2010.

A copy of the policy is carried as Addendum Number I to these minutes.

**Dodge Dealership
Property Proposal**

Superintendent reported to the board Dodge Dealership Property proposal to purchase the Dodge Dealership property. The board declined to consider the offer by Mr. Stephen Jones, owner of the Dodge Dealership property, due to the district needing to ensure its financial standing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to not move forward with the proposal to purchase the Dodge Dealership property.

Salary Discussion

The board approved bonuses for all certified and non-certified personnel. The bonus will be \$500 for certified and \$300 for non-certified personnel. The bonus pay will be prorated for certified and non-certified employees who are not hired in a full-time position. The bonus payment will be distributed on December 15, 2009 pay period.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed unanimously to approve the bonus.

**Legal Transfer
Requests**

Petitions were presented and approved for the legal transfer of students from Wynne Public Schools to Cross County School District as follows:

<u>PARENT</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Stacy Clark	Domonique Stanback
Dianne Billings	Philip Billings
Dianne Billings	Andrew Billings
Kenneth Cummings	Kenneth Cummings
Tommy Griffin	Koby Griffin
Tommy Griffin	Joseph Griffin
Dorothy Koons	John Koons

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

<u>PARENT</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Jeff & Denise Poore	Brianna Poore – TRANSFER DENIED

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

<u>PARENT</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Melinda Ramer	Charles Hunt

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of the students as recommended by the superintendent with the one exception as noted.

Employment

The following individuals were recommended to the board:

Certified:

Recommended for Employment:

Lori Everett **Fifth Grade, Long Term Substitute – Intermediate School
Beginning Teacher Salary Schedule Effective after 30 Days**

Non-Certified:

Recommended for Employment:

Doris Tucker **Licensed Social Worker
Contingent upon obtaining a provisional license
Effective January 4, 2010; Based on 195 Day Contract**

Charles Dooley **Bus Driver, Medium Route
Effective November 23, 2009, 113 Day Contract**

The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the employment of the individuals as recommended by the superintendent.

**Superintendent's
Discussion**

Superintendent reported to the board that Wynne High School students participated in the Cross County Veteran's Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2009.

Superintendent, Principal, Asst. Principals and Counselors met with 9-12 grade students who were on the verge of failing one or more classes and to offer tutoring and other support services. Transportation was offered to those students living outside the city limits. Superintendent followed up with the students with a thank you letter to further encourage them to attend tutoring.

Wynne High School had its Cappuccino Calculations on November 9, 2009. Students demonstrated real life math applications to the attending audience and served refreshments during the event.

Members of the Wynne Rotary Club, Darlene Andrews, Fredric Smith and King Casbeer, handed out dictionaries to third graders and thesauruses to fourth graders at Wynne Intermediate School.

Superintendent reminded the Board of the 2009 Arkansas School Board Association Annual Conference being held at the Peabody Hotel & Statehouse Convention Center December 9-11, 2009.

Superintendent shared with the board a letter from Little Rock Christian Academy's Upper School Principal, Joe Neff, who wrote a letter to Mr. Watson, Principal Wynne High School. He commented on what a great group of students we have at Wynne as witnessed during their November 13, 2009, playoff game at Forrest City. Mr. Neff stated the students were

respectful, positive, fun-loving and personable as they sat on the Little Rock Christian Academy visitor's section during the Forrest City/ Little Rock Christian Academy playoff game.

Superintendent reported that the press box dedication plaques have been installed near the press box for public viewing.

Meeting Date

The date of the next regular board meeting will be December 14, 2009.

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary