

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
October 19, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, October 19, 2009. 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. The following individuals were also present: Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Asst. Superintendent; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Wynne Junior High Principal; Mrs. Sandra Holloway, Intermediate School Principal; Mr. Henry Thompson, Maintenance; Tori Jones and Bryanna McClanahan, WHS Publications; Mrs. Stephanie Emerson, WHS Faculty; Mr. Jacky England, WHS ALE Faculty; Mr. Tony Jones, Ms. Janice Young, WHS ALE; Mrs. Adrianna Brown, Wynne Primary; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mr. Bob Morris, Head Mechanic; and Ms. Sara Morris, Wynne Progress.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Recognitions** Several students were recognized at the board meeting for induction in the National Honor Society for the 2009-2010 school year: President, Zane Sturm; Vice President, Courtney Simmons; Secretary, Hilary Dowd. Sophomore inductees were: Keith Aldridge, Mason Barnes, Nick Batt, Morgan Benefield, Caroline Boone, Olivia Boone, Nathan Brown, Claire Clark, Hannah Cunningham, Emry Hayes, Abigail Hess, Karee Hicks, Lateisha Jones, Jessica McClintock, Lathan McFadden, Caleb McNatt, Julie Phillians, Samantha Sensat, Kelsey Smith, Bailee Thompson and Vivian Vong. National Achievement Scholarship Finalist and NCTE Achievement Award in writing.
- Caroline Boone was named 5A State Girl's Golf Champion.
Ashley Davis was 12th grade winner in the 2009 National Council of Teachers of English.
- Lenora Cannon was recognized by Wynne High School teacher, Mrs. April Pagan for honoring all Mrs. Pagans students with mums during homecoming.
- Lauren Williams of Wynne Junior High was recognized for having a perfect score on the math Pre-Act test for two years in a row.
- Financial Reports** Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in September were approved.
- Report on the Benchmark and Stanford 10** Mrs. Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary, reported that Wynne Public School students are continually moving toward the advanced levels in Reading and Mathematics based on the Norm-Referenced Spring 2009 Test. In grade 1, 68% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in Reading. In grade 1, 67% scored in proficient or advanced level in Math. In grade 2, 69% of the students scored at proficient or advanced level in

Reading. In grade 2, 66% of the students scored in proficient or advanced level in Math.

In grade 3, 69% scored in the proficient or advanced range in Literacy, compared to grade 4, 68% and in grade 5, 66% scored in the proficient or advanced range in Literacy. Math scores revealed proficient or advanced range for grade 3 at 86%, grade 4 at 83% and grade 5 at 77%. In grade 6, 61% scored in the proficient or advanced range in Literacy, compared to grade 7, 70% and in grade 8, 68% scored in the proficient or advanced range in Literacy. Math scores revealed proficient or advanced range for grade 6 at 82%, grade 7 at 82%, and grade 8 at 73%.

Based on SAT-10 our 9th grade students scored in the proficient or advanced range in Literacy at 60% and in Math 75%. In Algebra 84% of our students scored in proficient or advanced range and in Geometry 70% in 2009.

Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent of Wynne School District, reported that the 2009 Arkansas Adequate Yearly Progress Report was completed on 10/07/2009. The Wynne Schools' Overall District AYP Status: Meets Standards; Wynne High School's Overall Literacy Status: SI_3; Wynne Junior High School's AYP Status: Targeted Intensive Improvement TII_5_R, Overall Math Status: SI_M and Overall Literacy Status: SI_6; Wynne Intermediate's and Wynne Primary's Overall AYP Status: Whole School Improvement: WSI_3_CA, Overall Math Status: SI_3 and Overall Literacy Status: SI_4.

ACT Report

Superintendent gave a report on the ACT scores for the class of 2009. Seniors who took the ACT were at or close to the state average in all sub-areas. The scores fell in the 21.0 range and the composite score for District 21.1 and state groups was 20.6. Our goal is to encourage all students to take the ACT as many times as possible in order to increase their performance on the test. ACT performance is used as a major predictor of how well an individual will do in future educational endeavors. The score is also used as a factor in the awarding of scholarships.

School Improvement Status Report

Superintendent reported to the board that Wynne School District as a combined sub-group made Adequately Yearly Progress on the 2008-09 state benchmark test. District's K-12 schools met standards in Math, while Wynne High School met standards in literacy. Wynne Primary, Wynne Intermediate and Wynne Junior High did not meet state standards in literacy. Overall the district is making academic progress toward its Adequate Yearly Progress goals and in closing the achievement gap.

Student Enrollment

A report on the student enrollment as of October 19, 2009, was given. The report indicated the total enrollment to be 2,871 students.

Consent Agenda

Alexander & Co

The board approved the district to allow Alexander & Company to assist in coordinating and computerizing district benefits for 2010-2011 school year.

Weapons Policy

The board accepted the superintendent recommendation to revise the

Thursday, October 29 - All K – 8

Tuesday, November 17 - Grades 9 -12 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

**ASBA Convention
Delegate**

Dr. Neall Jackson was appointed as delegate to the Arkansas School Boards Association State Conference which will be held on December 9-11, 2009 in Little Rock.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent reported Arkansas Region (7) school board meeting will be held on October 22, 2009 in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Wynne High School held a college fair on October 19, 2009 where various colleges and universities along with two year colleges and military services represented their perspective organizations.

Mr. Lee reported to the board that the district has received two new transport buses and the district trip bus will be arriving later in the week.

Superintendent requested to honor Dr. Robert Hayes at our November 23, 2009, board meeting for his many years of service on the school board and his dedication to our school district and service to the community.

Ms. Breckenridge gave the board an update on the Wynne Bookcase Project. The Wynne Bookcase Project is geared to give a “bookcase for every child” selected in order to encourage reading. This is a unique communitywide literacy project. The Bookcase Project was started by Jim Davidson, Public Speaker and Syndicated Columnist who started the Bookcase Project in Conway Public Schools.

Superintendent recognized Alternative Learning Environment staff for making ALE a productive place for students who are experiencing difficulty in the mainstreamed setting to receive academic, social and emotional support.

The date of the next regular board meeting will be November 23, 2009.

Adj.

The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary