

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas  
September 21, 2009

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, September 21, 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. Also present were: Mr. Robert Fronabarger & Ms. Terri Fronabarger, Parents; Lance Smith, Student; Gary and Belinda Fronabarger, Grandparents; Mrs. Sheri Wilson, Parent; Curtis Wilson, Student; Mr. Chase Gardner, Alumni; Mr. Michael Hinton, SRO; Mr. Tony Jones, ALE; Brooklyn Devazier and Ms. Anna Ridge, Publications Staff; Ms. Jasmin Han, Mandarin-Chinese Teacher Senior High School; Cindy Watson, Faculty; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Elementary Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Carl Easley, Secondary Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mr. Steve Morris, Senior High School Assistant Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High Assistant Principal; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary Principal; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Director of Special Education Services; Mr. Marion White, Director of Technology; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director of Maintenance and Transportation; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mr. David Goodin, Athletic Director; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Ms. Sara Morris, Wynne Progress and Mr. Lyndell Staggs, KWYN.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Financial Reports** Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in August were approved.
- 2009-10 Budget** The 2009-10 school budget was presented and discussed with the board. The budget includes a balance of \$ 3,762,980.60 brought forward, restricted funds, state grants, and projected receipts of \$ 20,412,302.97, and expenditures of \$ 21,172,798.63, leaving a projected balance of \$ 3,002,484.94 in operating funds on June 30, 2009. The budget includes expenditures from salary funds, operating and debt service funds. The projected building fund expenditures are \$ 840,000.00. Funds to be received in 2009-10 for use in federal programs are \$ 2,444,135.00.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously to approve the 2009-2010 budget as outlined by the Superintendent.
- Lance Smith** A hearing was held on a recommendation from the administration to expel Lance Smith, a student at Wynne High School, for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. The parent of Lance, Mrs. Teri Fronabarger, was notified of the meeting and was present.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Parker to not expel Lance Smith from the Wynne Public Schools after consulting legal advice from the school board attorney and based on current district policy.
- District weapon policy does not clearly define the disciplinary action if a

student is attending a concurrent academic class outside of the district main campus. The Board of Education directed the superintendent to address the district weapon policy as it relates to students attending concurrent classes outside of the district main campus.

**Curtis Wilson**

A hearing was held on a recommendation from the administration to expel Curtis Wilson, a student at Wynne High School, for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. The parents of Curtis, Bradley & Sheri Wilson, were notified of the meeting and were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Parker to not expel Curtis Wilson from the Wynne Public Schools after consulting legal advice from school board attorney and based on current district policy.

District weapon policy does not clearly define the disciplinary action if a student is attending a concurrent academic class outside of the district main campus. The Board of Education directed the superintendent to address the district weapon policy as it relates to students attending concurrent classes outside of the district main campus.

**Enrollment, Home School & Legal Transfer Reports**

A report on the student enrollment as of September 21, 2009, was given. The report indicated the total enrollment to be 2,853 students. This is down from the August 25, 2009, student enrollment of 2,911. As of September 18, 2009, the total for legal transfers out of district for the 2009-10 school year is fifteen. Superintendent reported there are approximately 41 students who are currently home schooled in the district.

**Construction Projects Report**

Mr. Lee updated the board on construction projects that are currently being conducted by Nabholz Construction. Mr. Lee indicated that the roofing project on the districts' Intermediate School building has been completed and inspected by the engineers. Restroom project is still underway at the Intermediate School as well and should be completed by October 15, 2009. Window replacement project at the Intermediate School will be completed by the first week in October.

**Marquee Sign**

The Superintendent presented to the board the bid to place a marquee sign at the Wynne School District on Falls Blvd. The company submitting the accepted bid was Sign Systems, Jonesboro, Arkansas. The board voted to proceed forward with the district installation of the Marquee sign along with a \$34,000 deposit to be paid to Sign System to conduct the installation. Superintendent reported to the board that \$30,000 have been donated by business partners toward the marquee sign and that other business partners are interested in supporting this project as well.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to proceed with the district's plan to install the Marquee sign.

**Testing Schedule**

The Superintendent shared with the board the Wynne High School 2009-2010 testing schedule. There will be approximately twenty-one tests given between October 7, 2009 and ending May 12, 2009.

**China Trip/Chinese Language**

Ms. Jasmin Han presented to the board her thoughts on American students and their creativity and thinking. Ms. Han shared that her students are learning Chinese history, China transportation system and education philosophy, writing and speaking in the Chinese language. This is Ms.

Han's final year of a two year contract with the Wynne School District.

Mr. Watson shared his experience with the board as he and several administrators from across the nation attended a five day summer educational training program in China to learn about Chinese culture and their educational system.

**H1N1 Flu Virus**

Mrs. Lee reported that the district has had a few students with the H1N1 virus and that the district has followed state protocol in addressing the H1N1 virus in schools. Parents are being notified when their students are sick and classrooms are being cleaned after the class has been in contact with the H1N1 virus.

**Consent Agenda**

**Requests For Legal Transfer**

Petitions were submitted for the legal transfer of students from the Wynne School District to Cross County School District as follows:

**PARENT**

Ms. Myrtle Burnett

Mrs. Donnie Thomas

**STUDENT**

April Burnett, Grade 7, Age 12

Tiffany Johnson, Grade 12, Age 16

**Bus Bids**

**VENDOR**

**BID AMOUNT**

Two Each - 71 Passenger

Central States Bus Sales  
North Little Rock, Ar

\$74,900.00 Each (2009)

Diamond State Bus Company  
Conway, Ar

No Bid

Merl's Bus Sales  
Van Buren, Ar

No Bid

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Spencer, and passed unanimously to accept the bus bid from Central States Bus Sales, North Little Rock, Arkansas for a cost of \$74,900.00.

**Resignation**

A report was made on the following individual having submitted a letter of resignation:

Lisa Carter

Bus Aide, Effective August 21, 2009

Carolyn Saxton

Bus Aide, Effective August 21, 2009

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to accept the resignation.

**Employment**

The following individuals were recommended to the board:

**CERTIFIED:**

**Recommended for Employment or Additional Responsibility:**

**Angela Benderman**                      **Bus Driver**  
**Retro-Active to August 19, 2009; 179 Day Contract**

**NON-CERTIFIED**  
**Recommended for Employment:**

**Michelle Stephens**                      **Classroom Special Ed Aide, Junior High**  
**180 Day Contract, Retro-Active to August 20, 2009**

**Aaron McGill**                              **Intervention Aide, Intermediate**  
**Stimulus Funded One Year Contract (185 Days)**  
**Retro-Active to August 20, 2009**

**Melissa Wolgamott**                      **Early Intervention Aide, Primary**  
**Stimulus Funded One Year Contract (180 Days)**  
**Retro-Active to August 20, 2009**

**Karen Holder**                              **Two Hour Cashier, Senior High**  
**175 Day Contract; Retro-Active to August 24, 2009**

**Edna Clark**                                **Part-Time Cook, Senior High**  
**176 Day Contract; Retro-Active to August 24, 2009**

**Connie Thomas**                          **Full-Time Cook, Intermediate**  
**176 Day Contract; Retro-Active to August 24, 2009**

**The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check and/or the Child Maltreatment Registry Check as required by state law.**

**Recommended for Additional Responsibility:**

**Adrianna Brown**                      **Bus Aide**

**Benita South**                              **Bus Aide**

**Sherry Jumper**                          **Cafeteria Hourly Salary change from Aide**  
**Schedule to Secretary Schedule**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to add responsibility to the above individuals as recommended by the Superintendent.**

**Jersey Retirement**

**Mr. Chase Garner requested from the board to consider the retirement of football jersey of DeAngelo Williams, a former Wynne High School football standout and current NFL player for the Carolina Panthers. After discussion, the board decided that the retiring of any athletic jerseys was not in the best interest of the district, but recommended recognizing and honoring DeAngelo Williams' accomplishments in the near future.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously to not retire the high school jersey of DeAngelo Williams, but to recognize and honor his accomplishments in the near future.**

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| <b>Report to Patrons</b>                 | <p>The annual report to Patrons on the district's progress toward realizing the goals and objectives set forth in its long range plans will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wynne High School Auditorium. Channel 17 will re-broadcast the Annual Report to Patrons in its entirety.</p>   |
| <b>Results of School Board Election</b>  | <p>Superintendent reported that Dr. Neall Jackson was elected as a new board member for the 2009-2014 school term. Dr. Jackson replaces Dr. Robert Hayes, Jr. in Zone 4.</p>  |
| <b>Election of School Board Officers</b> | <p>A meeting was held to elect new School Board Officers for the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. Carol Brown motioned, and Mr. Spencer Parker, seconded the motion to elect the following new school board officers for the 2009-2010 school year.</p> <p>The School Board Officers for the 2009-10 school year are:</p> <p><b>President - Mr. Gene Boeckmann</b><br/> <b>Vice President - Mr. Melvin Taylor</b><br/> <b>Secretary - Mrs. Carol Brown</b><br/> <b>Disbursing Officer - Mr. Spencer Parker</b></p> <p>Mr. Spencer Parker is to serve as the Disbursing Officer for the District for the 2009-10 school year pursuant to Act 671 of 2003.</p> <p>A copy of the resolution is carried as Addendum Number I to these minutes.</p>                                       |
| <b>Board Related Meetings</b>            | <p>The board was informed of the following meetings for board members:</p> <p>Arkansas School Boards Association Region 7 Meeting in Blytheville on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Arkansas School Boards Association State Conference will be held in Little Rock, December 9 - 11, 2009.</p> <p>National School Boards Association 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is scheduled for April 10 - 12, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>New Board Member Institute 2009, Little Rock, AR, October 14, 2009</p>   |
| <b>Superintendent's Report</b>           | <p>Superintendent reported that on September 23, 2009, the district will appeal the roofing decision to not fund the roofing project at the Intermediate School through the Arkansas Facilities and Transportation Department.</p> <p>Superintendent reminded the board of the October 17, 2009 academic retreat to be held from 9 – 12 p.m. at Regions bank.</p> <p>Superintendent thanked Mrs. Breckenridge and all the volunteers who participated in "Reading Together is a Wynne for Literacy on September 11, 2009.</p> <p>Wynne High School student Cody Campbell was recognized for taking part in the 2009 Engineering Scholars Program at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.</p> <p>Nancy Dunaway, Parent Facilitator at Wynne Primary School, informed the</p> |

**superintendent that in the month of August, volunteers logged 79 hours and 15 minutes of parent volunteer time!**

**Meeting Date**

**The date of the next regular board meeting will be October 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Adj.**

**The meeting was then adjourned.**

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**President**

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**Secretary**