

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
March 28, 2011

Roll Call	<p>The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, March 28, 2011. The following were present: Dr. 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; Ms. Robbie Roach, Junior High Dean; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High Principal; Mrs. Sandra Smith, Senior High Assistant Principal; Mr. Steve Morris, Senior High Assistant Principal; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; 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; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Officer Michael Hinton, Wynne Police Dept./District SRO; Mr. Lindell Staggs, KWYN; and a host of other faculty, staff and community members.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.</p>
Jacket Recognitions	<p>Congratulations to our Concert Choir and Chamber Choir! They went to their region contest this weekend at ASU and earned the highest scores possible - "Superior"- in every category from every judge!</p> <p>Two thumbs up to Joseph Stampley and Keenen Halk, sophomores on the senior high basketball team, for making All-Conference. Keenen Halk also made All-State. Great job!!!</p> <p>Congratulations to the following students for winning at the ACTM Regional Math Contest on March 5!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lauren Williams 1st place Algebra 1Hannah Semonds 2nd place Algebra 1Alexis Mercado 3rd place Algebra 1Cecelia Hutchinson 3rd place GeometryTaylor Taegtmeier Honorable Mention GeometryDanny Garcia 1st place Algebra 2Brittany Hanks 1st place Pre-Calculus/ TrigonometryEthan Dollar 2nd place Pre - Calculus/ TrigonometryMarlies Biesinger 2nd place CalculusKiyanna Meabon Honorable Mention Calculus <p>Claire Clark was named the Jonesboro Sun player of the week for the week of March 7th. According to the Sun, this was her second time to be player of the week this school year. Way to go Claire!</p> <p>High school students Alex Moery, Murray Lace, Maddison Stewart and Emry Hayes attended the Student Television Network convention in Orlando, Florida March 8-11. These students were able to work first hand with CNN, Fox Sports, CBS and Channel One. Especially amazing was when Maddison got up in front of over 1500 students from all over the</p>

United States, including Hawaii, and talk about Wynne High School, which was aired live. Well done!!!

Michael Ward has received a fellowship to attend U of A. Congratulations!!

The Biology Family Fun Night (3 nights) back in December was a huge success.

We had approximately 67 families total that came and participated (that's roughly 147 students and family members) + approx. 10 science club members were present each night. The students conducted their favorite lab experiments with their parents and family members. Science club students also worked hard to gather materials about various science related careers. Mrs. Widby and Mrs. Mann are planning on doing this again at the end of this semester.

Five members of Wynne High School publications staff were selected to be on the National Scholastic Press Association's Honor Roll of Student Journalists and Scholars for the 2010-2011 year. They are Amanda Rushing, Taylor Tarbutton, Abby Hess, Mason Barnes and Vivian Vong. In order for a student journalist to receive such an honor, the student has to have at least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average, provide verification of being a member of a school publication's staff and a letter of recommendation from his or her publications/journalism adviser. Way to go!!!

**NEWSPAPER/BROADCAST WIN 1ST PLACE SWEEPSTAKES
AWARD AT A.S.U. JOURNALISM/BROADCASTING DAY!!!!**

Nineteen members from Wynne High School's newspaper staff and broadcast journalism staff, and adviser, Stephanie Emerson, attended the 73rd Annual Journalism and Broadcasting Day at Arkansas State University, in Jonesboro, March 12. Wynne students won 32 awards. Wynne High School students received a First Place plaque for their efforts in the Sweepstakes Competition, recognized as the overall winner. In the newspaper competition, editions of the YELLOWJACKET won first place for General Excellence. In video production, students won First Place in Public Service Announcement, and Sports News; Second Place in Music Video, Video Promo, and Documentary Short. On-site competitions were held in thirteen areas. Advisers are Stephanie Emerson and Jane Andrews.

The Intermediate School exceeded the standards on the preliminary school report card by receiving a score of 4! Great job!!!!

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Bentley's Intermediate School class wrote wonderful, compassionate letters to military personnel.

Michael Shoulders, author, visited the Intermediate school. The visit was wonderful.

The Intermediate School had 128 students recognized as students of the week by showing "building blocks of character" which was sponsored by the Wynne Kiwanis Club.

Much applause and appreciation goes to Mrs. Kim Hunt Thornhill for wearing the gladiator costume for the Intermediate all day during the programs with author, Michael Shoulders, and the Family Literacy Parent Night. She is a real trooper! The costume was very heavy and she wore it from 8:00 a.m. straight through to the program that night and with only a

small break during the afternoon! She went into classes at both the Primary and Intermediate schools to invite students to the programs and to encourage students to bring their parents to Family Literacy night. This is the 2nd time she has worn a costume for Family Literacy Night and she often wears costumes for the children. She wore Dr. Seuss on Read across America Day too!! "She is a volunteer parent whom we appreciate very much," stated Mrs. Breckenridge.

Intermediate PTA Recognitions:

Box Tops for Education: 3rd-Mrs. Green; 4th-Mrs. Snyder; 5th-Mrs. Swaite

Spaghetti Supper Class Winners: 3rd - Mrs. Hathcock; 4th - Mrs. Snyder; 5th -Mrs. Reeves

Spaghetti Supper individual winners: 3rd-Paxton Burnette; 4th-EC Lyons; 5th-Jenna Brock

Intermediate would like to give thanks and recognition to:

-Martin Smith for marking the places for trees to be planted on the playground and in helping with the design process for the future walking track

-Richard Klerk for planning and conducting the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony and planting trees on the playground

-Wynne Tree Board for helping with the planting of the trees on the playground.

Students in Susan Gilbert's G/T class have completed oral/video interviews with their grandparents in preparation for a presentation at the Cross County Historical Society monthly meeting.

Mr. Fredric Smith was the guest reader for the junior high in honor of Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday.

Track season has begun for junior high with 50 student athletes participating!

Over \$1600 worth of prizes were awarded to more than 500 students in the BUG (Bring up Grades) assembly. The Grand prize winners of \$50 gift certificates to Wal-Mart were Emma Lawyer (6th grade), Christian Nauden (7th grade) and Randal Ball (8th grade).

The Junior High is pleased to announce that the G-K-12 science program has been extended at Wynne Junior High for one more year. This program features four ASU Science Doctorial Candidates teaching and conducting labs in four of our science classes (Mrs. Schweighart, Ms Camp, Mrs. Pribble, and Coach Griffin). They have conducted over 50 classroom presentations involving hands-on student labs.

Congratulations to Reid Eakin and Finlay Ladd (6th grade), Jessie Biodolillo (7th grade) and DeAndre McGill (8th grade). They made a perfect score on their last TLI math interim assessment!!! Those making a perfect score on their last literacy assessment were Matthew Vines, Margaret Woodruff and Dalton Yates (6th grade), Reid McKenzie (7th grade) and Ruth Crawford (8th grade).

Eighth graders Grace McClanahan, Anna Mears and Leaysha Pearson are to be recognized for scoring 24/25 on the recent EXPLORE test. The EXPLORE program is designed as a preview of the ACT Test and to help

	<p>students explore a range of options for their future, marking an important beginning for a student's academic and career success.</p> <p>Seventh graders in Mari Porter's English class sent cards and letters to troops from Alpha Company which is stationed in Fort Benning, GA. This company will soon be sent to either Afghanistan or Korea.</p> <p>The 8th grade Pre A/P class wrote and illustrated booklets on literary terms to share with the sixth grade classes.</p>
Financial Reports	Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in January were approved.
ARRA Stabilization Update	Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager, gave the board an update on the remaining ARRA Stabilization dollars which need to be spent by December 30, 2011.
Financial Audit Update	The superintendent gave the board a report on the State of Arkansas Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 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.
Property Assessed Valuation	Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager, discussed with the board the property assessed valuation taxes to collect is \$5,619,084.24. Total valuation is \$160,545,264. This represents a loss in collections from last year of \$21,652.47.
Enrollment Report	A report on student enrollment as of March 28, 2011, was given. The report indicated an enrollment of 2,835 students.
Benchmark Preparation & Test Dates	The superintendent shared with the board the dates for the upcoming Arkansas Benchmark Test and how schools are preparing students to be successful.
District Communication Plan	The superintendent stated that the District Communication Plan will be presented at the April 18, 2011, board meeting.
Legal Transfer Request	A petition was presented for the legal transfer of a student from Wynne Public Schools to Cross County School District. The petition was denied and it was recommended by the board that the petitioner contact Cross County School District for enrollment through school choice.
Resignations	<p>A report was made of the following individuals having submitted letters of resignation:</p> <p>Marilyn Gaskin - 2nd Grade Teacher/Primary End of 10-11 Contract</p> <p>Melinda Brandon - Literacy Coach/Primary End of 10-11 contract</p> <p>Adrianna Brown - Bus Aide Effective March 2, 2011</p>

	<p>Judy Martin - 2nd Grade Teacher/Primary End of 10-11 contract</p> <p>Allyson Goodin - Cheer Coach/Senior High Effective 3/19/11</p> <p>Cindy Watson - Parent Facilitator Senior High/End of 10-11</p> <p>Meredith Schweighart - 7th Grade Science/Jr. High End of 10-11 contract</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and passed unanimously to accept the resignations as submitted.</p>
Executive Session	The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of personnel.
Regular Session	After the executive session, the board reconvened in regular session.
Employment	<p>The following individuals were recommended to the board:</p> <p>CERTIFIED: <u>Recommended for Employment:</u></p> <p>Latoya Shivonne Beal - Counselor / Senior High 2011 – 2012 school year</p> <p>Chris Hill - Head Football Coach / 240 days 2011 – 2012 school year</p> <p>The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.</p> <p>NON-CERTIFIED: <u>Recommended for Employment:</u></p> <p>Cara Epps } - Behavior Interventionists Erik Edwards } Senior High School Retroactive to Feb. 28, 2011</p> <p>The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.</p> <p>NON-CERTIFIED: <u>Recommended for Additional / Change of Responsibility:</u></p> <p>Cindy Ball } Frankie Baxter } Angela Fleming } Justin Lee } Vicki McKee } Shelia Moore } Angela Benderman }</p> <p>After School Bus Drivers \$35.00 per day Retroactive to Feb. 8, 2011</p>

	A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and passed unanimously to hire the above named individuals or add additional responsibility as recommended by the superintendent.
Certified Contracts	The contracts of all certified staff will be presented for consideration in the April board meeting.
Superintendent's Contract	The superintendent resigned his position as Superintendent of Wynne Public Schools, effective March 28, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Jackson to accept the resignation. Board members Dr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Dr. Neall Jackson and Mr. Melvin Taylor voted to accept the resignation. Mr. Spencer Parker voted not to accept the resignation of the superintendent. See Settlement Agreement & Release attached as Addendum Number 1 to these minutes.
Meeting Date	The date of the next regular board meeting will be April 18, 2011.
Adj.	The meeting was then adjourned.

President

Secretary