

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas
October 18, 2010

Roll Call	<p>The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, October 18, 2010. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mr. Melvin Taylor, Mrs. Carol Brown, Dr. Neall Jackson and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Mr. Spencer Parker was unable to attend. The following individuals were also present: Anna Ridge and Lauren Williams, Publications Staff; Sgt. Maj. Page and Master Sgt. Dennis Roberts, ROTC; Mrs. Debbie Heath, Primary School Principal; Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High School Principal; Mr. Blake Marsh, Junior High School Asst. Principal; Mr. Steve Morris, Senior High School Asst. Principal; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Elementary Asst. Superintendent; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Special Services Director; Mr. Jerry Lee, Director Maint. & Transp.; Mr. Marion White, Technology Director; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Beau Kemp, Technology Dept.; Ms. Sherry Breckenridge, Parent Coordinator and Mr. Brian Thompson, Wynne Progress.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.</p>
Recognitions	<p>The board lauds the Wynne High School Golf team for winning the 5A East Conference Golf Championship and going on to place 4th overall in the State Golf Tournament! Caroline Boone was runner-up in the 5A State Golf Tournament and qualified for the girl's overall State Golf Tournament.</p> <p>Congratulations to Haley Mitchell for advancing to the State Tournament in tennis!</p> <p>The board recognizes Joyia Roebuck for being chosen as Wynne High School's representative to HOBY (Hugh Obrian Youth Leadership) next spring!</p> <p>The board salutes Wynne High School Marine Corp Junior ROTC color guards for representing Wynne High School and the community at the September 9, 2010 ground breaking ceremony at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery at Birdeye. Arkansas Governor, Mike Beebe, citizens and other elected officials were present at the ceremony.</p> <p>The board congratulates twenty-two Wynne High School students who were inducted in the 2010 National Honor Society: Sophomores, Abby Berube, Kelly Criss, Kathryn Dillard, Jacie Flowers, Ian George, Kendall Hobbs, Dallas Johnston, Steven Lynaugh, Nicki Haines, Parker Pribble, Rickala Purnell, Tifani Sipes, Chelsey Smith, Sarah Stephens, Taylor Taegtmeier, Mallory Tarbutton, Natalie Turner, Jessica Utley, Emily Watson, Nicholas Wright, Meghan Zanone and Senior, Ashlyn McKamie.</p>
Financial Reports	<p>Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in September were approved.</p>
Student Enrollment	<p>A report on the student enrollment as of October 15, 2010, was given. The report indicated the total enrollment to be 2,877 students.</p>

<p>ACT Report</p>	<p>The superintendent gave a report on the ACT scores for the class of 2010. Seniors who took the ACT were at or close to the state average in all sub-areas. The Composite score for our district was 19.9 and the state composite score was 20.3 - a difference of a (0.4). Both district and state scores were down compared to the 2009 ACT scores for the district (21.1) and the state (20.6).</p> <p>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. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the district's five week ACT College Preparation Enrichment Program (CPEP) course offered in the summer.</p>
<p>School Improvement Appeal Status Report</p>	<p>Superintendent report to the board that Wynne School District as a combined sub-group made Adequately Yearly Progress on the 2009-10 state benchmark test. Wynne Primary, Wynne Intermediate and Wynne Junior High's 2009-10 AYP status is in the appeals process. The district is waiting for the state final decision on the district's appeals. Overall the district is making academic progress toward its Adequate Yearly Progress goals and in closing the achievement gap.</p>
<p>ROTC Report</p>	<p>Sgt. Major Jimmy Page reported the status of the ROTC program. Sgt. Major Page stated ROTC cadets have increased tremendously in the past three years with 135 cadets in uniform. Due to this increase in cadets, drill and classroom space has been a concern. Sgt. Major Page requested the board to consider building an ROTC facility to accommodate the increase in ROTC participation. Sgt. Major Page spoke of the many competitions in which the cadets have entered and received awards, as well as the many functions throughout the region, state and local community that the cadets are involved in as well.</p>
<p>Recruiting Banner</p>	<p>The superintendent shared with the board the new recruiting banner the district has designed and will be used for recruitment outings.</p>
<p>2010-11 Personnel Policy Committee</p>	<p>The superintendent shared with the board the new members of the 2010-11 Personnel Policy Committee.</p>
<p>District-wide Communication Plan</p>	<p>Ms. Sherry Breckenridge reported that the District-wide Communication Plan is scheduled to be introduced in November. The District-wide Communication Plan will solicit input from many stakeholders within the community and will also include district staff and board members.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	
<p>Technology Enhancements</p>	<p>Mr. Beau Kemp, District Technology Manager, requested the board approve the district be allowed to move forward with the request to acquire email service from Google. Moving the district's electronic mail utility to Google Application would enable the district to maximize and better utilize the Wynne Public Schools' servers. This move will also eliminate the need for the district to purchase additional servers for this application. The district server will be maintained by Google. Mr. Kemp indicated this change will also alter the name used for our website address to any of the</p>

	<p>ones listed below and will require the purchase of the following domains at the overall cost of approximately \$1,200 - www.wynneschools.org or www.wynneschools.net for the next 10 years. Mr. Kemp indicated the \$1,200 cost is the total for 10 years.</p>
Act 1599 Waivers	<p>Superintendent shared with the board Act 1599 Waivers giving vendors who have a relative employed by the Wynne School District permission to conduct business and render services to the district.</p>
Statement of Assurance	<p>The superintendent requested that the board give the superintendent authority to sign all assurances for Academic Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Cycle Reports for the 2010-11 school year as required by section 9306 and to submit an Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (application) to the Arkansas Department of Education as required by Section 9305.</p>
Employment Recommendations	<p>The following individuals were recommended to the board for employment, additional responsibility, or transfer:</p> <p><u>NON-CERTIFIED:</u></p> <p>Recommended for Employment:</p> <p>Earl Murphy - Custodian, Senior High Effective 10/18/10</p> <p>Tommy Abram - Custodian, District Effective 10/18/10</p> <p>The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.</p>
Resignations	<p>A report was made on the following individual having submitted a letter of resignation:</p> <p>Laura Owens 9th Grade Cheer Sponsor Effective 12/17/10</p>
Legal Transfer Requests	<p>No requests were submitted.</p>
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Jackson and passed unanimously to approve all items presented under the consent agenda.</p>
Parent Visitation	<p>Parent Visitation will take place according to the following schedule:</p> <p>Thursday, October 21 - Primary School, 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, October 26 - Intermediate School, 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, October 28 - Junior High School, 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 16 - Senior High School, 4:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.</p>
ASBA Convention Delegate	<p>Dr. Neall Jackson was appointed as delegate to the Arkansas School Boards Association State Conference which will be held on December 8-10, 2010.</p>

Superintendent's Report

The 71st Annual Conference, National School Board Association will be held April 9-11, 2010, in San Francisco, California. Registration opens September 1, 2010. Housing opens October 12, 2010, with an early registration deadline of December 30, 2010.

The Fall Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA Region 7) meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010, in Weiner, Arkansas.

Ms. Jing Jing Li invited administrators and students from Wynne High Schools' Chinese class to attend the performance of Chinese acrobats from the Cirque Shanghai at the University of Central Arkansas. The event was held on October 5, 2010, at the Reynolds Performance Hall.

Wynne School District is hosting the 5-A State Volleyball Tournament, October 26-28, 2010. The finals will be held on October 30, 2010, in Bentonville, AR.

The Certified Personnel Policy Committee for 2010-2011:

Primary: Josie Westmoreland

Intermediate: Erin Dooley has a year to serve.

Junior High: Connie Britton has a year to serve.

High School: Stephanie Emerson was elected for a two year term.

Pam Gaskin will serve as the At-Large position for one year.

Administrators: Stephanie Lyons (1 more year)

Dave Stepp (2 more years)

Steve Morris is the new administrator for a 3 year term.

Wynne School District has received a Notice of Audit Services, Financial and Federal Compliance Audits for the year ended June 30, 2010. The purpose of the audit is to ensure whether the district regulatory basis financial statements are fairly presented, in all material aspects, and in conformity with the basis of accounting prescribed by law and to report on the fairness of the applicable supplementary information received from the district to the auditor.

October is Parent Involvement Month. Discuss the importance of parental involvement and opportunities.

Fire Prevention Programs take place for K-5 students in October.

PTA Fall Festival was held October 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

October 18th - High School College Planning Night for students and parents

October 19th - PTA Skate Night, Grades K-5

Schools will host Red Ribbon Week October 25-29 in partnership with Cross County Drug and Alcohol Coalition and the Cross County Sheriff's Department. Representatives will present an assembly program on drug/alcohol prevention and it will include a visit from the drug dog.

	<p>Wynne Jr. High students will make a human chain around the junior high to emphasize “We ban together to keep out drugs”. The Primary and Intermediate schools will have dress up days and other activities to support the school’s mission and the goals of the counseling program. A community service project will be included in the activities to educate students about the harmful effects of drugs and the benefits of a drug free lifestyle.</p> <p>On Monday, October 25th, students and staff will show their commitment to substance abuse prevention by wearing red. Tuesday’s activities will center on the theme of being “Paws-itively Drug Free” as students participate in a service project to support the Wynne Animal Shelter by collecting and donating products used by the shelter. Wednesday’s theme will be “I’m a Jean-ius. I’m drug free”, and will be supported by wearing jeans. Thursday’s theme will be “Don’t let drugs <i>Sneak</i> up on you” as students wear sneakers. Friday’s theme will be “Show your School Spirit Drug Free” as students wear school colors of blue and gold. Students will receive incentives throughout the week provided by the Cross County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coalition.</p> <p>The Primary School book fair will be held on Oct. 18-22 and the Intermediate School book fair is scheduled for Oct. 25-29.</p> <p>Schools will host Harvest Parties & field trips at the end of October. The Intermediate School Harvest parties will take place Oct. 29th at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>On October 29th, the Wynne Jr. High PTSA Chili Supper will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Wynne High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00.</p> <p>Kids Marathon will be held on Nov. 6th. Letters will go home with parents on Nov. 1st giving the details and directions parents will follow on Nov. 6th. Students’ t-shirts will be linked to grade by color to make it easy for parents to find their children. Each grade will assemble in a specific place before and after the marathon.</p> <p>The Bookcase Project Literacy Banquet will be held on Nov. 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be available October, 4th.</p>
	<p>The date of the next regular board meeting will be November 15, 2010.</p>
<p>Adj.</p>	<p>The meeting was then adjourned.</p>

President

Secretary