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Special Board Meeting
Wickes School Board
April 27, 2010

The meeting of the Wickes School Board was called to order by President Doug Curtis at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Doug Curtis, Linda Gillaspy, Barry Bailey, and Jerry Watkins. Absent: Jeff Cook and Scotty Polk.

Others in attendance: Megan Witonski, Superintendent, Sylvia Lyle, Marilyn Keith, Jerry Strasner, Basil Kesterson, Pat Stewart, Ray Beardsley, Jana Richardson, Glenda Watkins, Larry Watkins.

Mr. Ray Beardsley from First Security, Beardsley Public Finance, presented information about the defeasing of the bond taken out by the Wickes School District for the addition onto the Wickes High School. 5% of the bond will be kept for tax purposes and needs to be spent on building improvements by June 30, 2010. The remaining bond money must be wired to The Citizens Bank in Batesville, Arkansas by May 4, 2010.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to adopt the resolution concerning the defeasance of certain outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Wickes School District #79 of Polk County Arkansas and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldridge & Clark Law Firm. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Barry Bailey to submit a Qualified School Construction Bond application with related documents for \$1,790,000 to the Arkansas State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance to handle this transaction if accepted. The advantage of the QSCB is a low interest rate—between 0%-2 ½ %. The disadvantage is that all construction must meet the Davis Bacon Act regulations. Vote: unanimous

Mr. Strasner, principal of Wickes High School, recommended expulsion for a student for the remainder of the school year due to sexual harassment of students. Motion made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy. Vote: unanimous

The board retired into executive session at 7:25 and reconvened at 7:35.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Barry Bailey to accept the following resignations:

Susan Punchard- Cheer Sponsor

Elvin Harrison-Custodian

Megan Graumann-Secondary English

Rhonda Miller-Business Tech Instructor

Keith Johnson-2nd Social Studies

Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to advertise for the English and the Business positions. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to adjourn. Vote: unanimous

Board President
Doug Curtis

Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspy