

The regular meeting of the Wickes School Board was called to order by President Doug Curtis at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Jerry Watkins, Doug Curtis, Scotty Polk, Linda Gillaspy, Barry Bailey, Jeff Cook, Rodney Saddler.

Others in attendance: Sylvia Lyle, Nettla Cureton, Dewayne Taylor, Allen Blackwell, Jerry Strasner, Stan Speight, Bryan and Jana Richardson, Steve Buford.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to approve the minutes of previous meeting as corrected. Vote: unanimous.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to approve the financial reports. Vote: unanimous.

Mr. Blackwell told the board that the cd had been moved into the regular operating account. He also explained about the NSLA money—how it had changed so that only 20% of NSLA allotment could be used for salaries above the state minimum. It was also mentioned that the lawsuit had been settled in the schools favor. A policy for the classified employee RIF was handed out to the board members to be review. The current policy is out of date. If a RIF is to happen, it must take place before May 1 as all contracts automatically roll over on May 1. This policy will be voted on at next board meeting.

A form for the evaluation of the superintendent was given to all board members and is to be in turned next board meeting.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Scotty Polk to accept the resignation of Tracy Linville effective 12/19/08 and of Becky Harrison effective 12/5/08. Vote: unanimous.

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to approve the crisis management plan as presented by Mr. Blackwell. Vote: unanimous.

Steve Buford presented a sheet of bidders for UES and one for WHS. Yellow is low bidder. UES total bid was \$970,000 and total bid for WHS was \$1,575,592. Financing is 10 years for the UES bond with the payment approximately \$60,000/year and 21 years for the WHS bond with the payment approximately \$30,000/year.

Mr. Blackwell handed out a projected budget for the school year 2009/2010. A handout of the Umpire expense/revenue for the 2007/08 year was handed out also. He then submitted to the board to put both building projects on hold at this time. The school district can sit on the bond money for 3 years before it must be returned. Mr. Buford said the school had 90 days to accept or reject all bids.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Scotty Polk to put the building project issues on hold for 30 days. Mr. Blackwell will do some checking on the financing for the bonds and on the Umpire expense/revenue. Vote: Linda Gillaspy, Doug Curtis, Rodney Saddler, Scotty Polk for and Barry Bailey, Jeff Cook, Jerry Watkins against.

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jeff Cook to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Board President
Doug Curtis

Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspy