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Regular Board Meeting
December 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wickes School Board was called to order by President Doug Curtis at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Wickes cafeteria.

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

Others in attendance: Sylvia Lyle, Nettla Cureton, Megan Witonski. There were several visitors in the audience.

Motion was made by Barry Bailey and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to approve the prior months minutes as presented.

Vote: unanimous

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

Mrs. Witonski informed the board about the decision made by the Howard County Quorum Court had made concerning the Payment in Lieu of Taxes that they send to the District. The Howard County Quorum Court decided to split that amount equally between the District and the Howard Community Council. The board was presented a copy of the Howard County Board minutes showing this action.

Mrs. Witonski also presented a Commissioner's Memo concerning act 1466 that explains the procedures for a bond sale or procurement.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Jeff Cook to adopt the certified and classified job descriptions. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept the Arkansas state minimum salary schedule as approved by the PPC. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Barry Bailey to approve the revised mission statement. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to accept the organizational chart of personnel as presented by Mrs. Witonski. Vote: unanimous

A presentation of the Parental Involvement Plan was given by Jana Richardson. Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept this plan. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to allow Mrs. Witonski to enforce the Reduction In Force (RIF) school board policy. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Jeff Cook to allow Gavin Ralls and Jordon Bailey to transfer from the Cove School District to the Wickes School District. Vote: unanimous

Financial information was provided to the board members that showed estimated budget revenue and expenditures for the 2010/2011 school year if the Van-Cove and Wickes School Districts merged. It also showed that the facility partnership would be 74% state and 26% district.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to give the superintendent authority to explore options concerning the Wickes and Van-Cove District merge agreement. Vote: unanimous

The board retired into executive session at 6:55 pm and reconvened at 7:15pm

Motion was made by Barry Bailey and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept the resignation of David Grantz effective 6/30/09 and the resignation of Donald Austin of his remaining bus route effective November 1, 2009. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Jeff Cook to hire Rita Yardley as a replacement cook in the Wickes Cafeteria as approved by fiscal distress. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspay and 2nd by Jeff Cook to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Board President
Doug Curtis

Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspay