

**Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2010**

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, DeWayne Taylor, Gene Hawk, Megan Witonski. There were several visitors in the audience.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to approve the December 2009 Wickes School Board meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: unanimous

Gene Hawk presented the 10 year facilities master plan for the Wickes School. He explained the plan to the board and said that at the present time, the District would roll over the projects that are currently in the plan, with no new additions.

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to approve the facilities 10 year master plan. Vote: unanimous.

Mrs. Witonski announced that Gloria Pritchett and Teresa Miles had passed the National Board Certification.

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

Mrs. Witonski gave the board a quote from Yellow Rose Janitorial to clean and buff the floors of the different buildings during the summer months. This amount was compared to current summer expenditures for building maintenance. This information was for the board to review to determine future decisions concerning summer care.

The petition of consolidation that the district must submit to the courts to get approval to consolidate was reviewed. This is not a vote of consolidation, but a petition to the courts. The paperwork required that a new name for the combined district to be used. A motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Jeff Cook to use the name Cossatot River School District. Vote: unanimous

The board discussed the number of members and representation of each location for the new interim board. Scotty Polk and Barry Bailey indicated that they were not interested in serving on the interim board. The board will hold a vote at the end of the meeting and an official vote on January 21, 2010.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to apply for the RTTT MOU (Race to the Top Memorandum) grant money. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Saddler and 2nd by Barry Bailey to continue for the 2010/2011 year the school board legal liability coverage with Bankcorp South for \$3325.00 Vote: unanimous

Each board member was presented with the total number of training hours that he/she had received for review. There were no corrections to be made.

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept the Disaster Management Plan. Vote: unanimous

The board discussed where to keep copies of the inventories all buildings of the district. It was decided that a copy would be kept in the vault at the administration building and a copy at 2 other locations that were off site.

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Jeff Cook to allow the transfer of Carley Cook, Tyler Cash, Tashiana Dancer from DeQueen to Wickes. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to approve the audit findings and the corrective actions taken for the 2007/08 audit. Vote: unanimous

The board retired into executive session at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m..

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Jeff Cook hire Keith Whisenhunt as a replacement bus driver as approved by the fiscal distress board. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Scotty Polk to roll over Mrs. Witonski's contract for the 2010-11 school year. Her salary will be \$70,000 as decided at the October 2009 board meeting to reduce Mrs. Witonski's salary by \$6000 per her request if all other Wickes employees had to take a reduction in salary. Vote: unanimous

The board held a vote for the members to serve on an interim board if the consolidation goes thru with Cove. If the consolidation does not happen, our school board will stay as is. The result of the tentative vote for the members to serve on the interim board was as Wickes representatives: Jerry Watkins, Doug Curtis and Linda Gillaspy, Jeff Cook.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Scotty Polk to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

**Board President
Doug Curtis**

**Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspy**