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**Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2009**

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

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

Others in attendance: Jerry Strasner, Dewayne Taylor, Netlla Cureton, Steve Buford, Sylvia Lyle, Stan Speight, Patsy Stewart, Superintendent Megan Witonski

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote: unanimous

Mr. Steve Buford spoke at this time about the Umpire Building projects. The Umpire Elementary Building is on schedule for a September 24, 2009 completion, but the contractors are trying for August. At this time the building is running a little under budget.

Umpire Cafeteria Project—The district is waiting to complete this until approval thru ADE has been made and the cafeteria will have to meet all current codes with ADE and the health department since this is basically a “new” cafeteria that had been started in late May. Bids for electric and plumbing alone estimated \$30,000.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Jeff Cook for Mrs. Witonski to meet with Mr. Robertson from Little Rock about getting the approval to do the Umpire cafeteria for approximately \$75,000 and the possibility of using bond and matching facility monies. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Scotty Polk to revisit the building of the Wickes High School in next month’s meeting. Vote: unanimous

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

At this time Mrs. Witonski spoke about the declining balance of the 2000 fund. She recommended the hiring of Dr. Bobbie Davis’ consulting firm to advise the district in the financial area. The fee is \$2500.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Barry Bailey to hire Ms. Bobbie Davis. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to hire Mr. Gene Hawk, a facilities specialist, to help with the facilities issues. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspay and 2nd by Jeff Cook to have Mrs. Witonski check into getting a loan from ADE or a bank to pay payroll and utilities for July 2009 and August 2009. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Rodney Saddler accept the changes made in the Wickes Elementary Handbook. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Linda Gillaspay to approve the new classified salary schedule. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to hire Tammy Crawford for a Title 1 aide at Umpire. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Linda Gillaspay to move Lisa Schuller from classroom teacher to high school interventionist. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Jerry Watkins move Amy Wedehaus from an aide position to secondary English teacher at Wickes. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Linda Gillaspay to change Debbie Bailey from 180 day contract to 191 days. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2nd by Linda Gillaspay to stop having student workers if the school district would have to pay their salary. Vote: unanimous

It was decided by the board to move the time of the meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the 2nd Thursday of each month.

A report outlining next year's technology plan was handed out to the board.

The board retired into executive session at 8:25 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm. Mr. Watkins excused himself because of discussion of family members.

**Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Linda Gillaspay to adjourn.
Vote: unanimous**

**Board President
Doug Curtis**

**Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspay**