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Wickes School District Board Meeting  
March 15, 2010

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

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by President Doug Curtis.

Others in attendance: Megan Witonski, Superintendent, Sylvia Lyle, Marilyn Keith, Jerry Strasner, Netlla Cureton, Andy Curry, Superintendent of Van-Cove, Interim Board Members Hershel Bell and Johnny Doyle, Stan Speight, Shelly Speight, Cathy Watkins, Karla Bray, Sandy Alexander, Pam Davis, Kim Alexander, Steve Alexander, Jonathon Canady, Basil Kesterson, Mona Walker, Nick Walker, Love Cook, Sherry Hammock, Mr. McConnell and several others.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Watkins to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Cook to approve the financial reports. Vote: unanimous

Mr. Strasner, principal of the Wickes High School presented a student for expulsion. The recommendation of Mr. Strasner and Superintendent Witonski was to expel the student for the remainder of this school year. Motion was made by Jeff Cook and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Watkins. Vote: unanimous

The meeting deferred to Pam Davis who had submitted a written petition to speak to the Wickes School Board.

Wickes School Board decided to leave custodial contracts as currently stated.

Mrs. Witonski presented a letter from Arkansas Department of Education stating that the ADE board hearing held on March 8, 2010 unanimously approved the consolidation between Wickes School District and Van-Cove School District.

Mrs. Witonski presented the 2008 - 2009 audit findings and the corrective actions for the findings. Motion to accept these findings and corrective actions was made by Linda Gillaspay and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Cook.

Vote: unanimous

The board was informed that the school was preparing to send in the Fiscal Distress reports due for the 6 month fiscal distress review. The next hearing for Wickes concerning Fiscal Distress will be held on April 12, 2010 before the Arkansas State Board of Education.

Mrs. Witonski presented the BOLD planning solutions to the board to continue with the Natural Hazardous Mitigation Planning.

The board retired into executive session at 6:55 and reconvened at 7:05.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scotty Polk to grant Donald Austin 10 extended sick leave days. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Gillaspay to accept Randy Davis' resignation effective June 30, 2010. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scotty Polk to pay the 2008- 2009 underpayment for the Enhanced Educational Fund. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Watkins to pay Julio Torres a \$500 per team stipend for soccer for the 2009-2010 school year with proper approval from AAA and fiscal distress.

Vote: unanimous

Motion made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scotty Polk to adjourn.

Vote: unanimous

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Board President  
Doug Curtis

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Board Secretary  
Linda Gillaspay