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Regular Board Meeting  
November 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wickes School Board was called to order by President Doug Curtis at 7:02 pm. The meeting was moved from the administration building to the cafeteria due to the number of attendees.

Roll Call: Doug Curtis, Jerry Watkins, Linda Gillaspy, Barry Bailey, Jeff Cook, Rodney Saddler. Not present: Scotty Polk.

Others in attendance: Marilyn Keith, Sylvia Lyle, Nettla Cureton, Dewayne Taylor, Megan Witonski.

The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry Bailey to approve the financial reports. Vote: unanimous.

Mrs. Witonski announced that the Wickes School had received the official letter from the Department of Education on November 5, 2009 putting the district into fiscal distress with a timeline of November 5, 2009 to November 5, 2011.

The board will receive financial training from Mr. Ray Beardsley from Beardsley Public Finance on December 8, 2009 at 5pm.

Options concerning fiscal distress were presented to the board for the board to determine the best course of action the district should take. These options included a millage increase and merge information with Van-Cove School District.

A public meeting date was set for November 30, 2009 at 7pm in the Holbert Auditorium to discuss the options facing the school's fiscal distress.

Mrs. Witonski informed the board that the district had received over \$500,000 of the reimbursement of the facilities partnership money for the Umpire Elementary building.

A reminder about the SOS Benefit for the school on November 12, 2009 from 5-8 pm.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney Saddler to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

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Board President

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Board Secretary