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Regular Board Meeting
September 15, 2009

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

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

Others in attendance: Jerry Strasner, Netlla Cureton, Sylvia Lyle, Larry Watkins, Rusty Youngblood, Dr. Bobbie Davis, Mr. Ray Beardsley, Superintendent Megan Witonski.

The first business the board handled was the electing of officers for the school board. Currently the board president is Doug Curtis, vice president Barry Bailey, secretary Linda Gillaspy. A motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Jeff Cook to keep the positions as they are. Vote: unanimous

Dr. Bobbie Davis spoke about fiscal distress. She explained that our district did meet several indicators of distress. Different scenarios of distress was presented. She did explain that we were not officially in distress at present, but that ADE could put the Wickes School District officially into distress at any point. Dr. Davis stressed the importance of a good financial plan to present to Dr. Kimbrall (head of ADE fiscal unit) and that the plan MUST be implemented as presented. She explained these actions were about saving our school.

Mr. Ray Beardsley from Beardsley finance spoke to the board explaining the schools finances. He has concerns over past practices and current debt.

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

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jeff Cook to approve last month's financial reports. Vote: unanimous

Mrs. Witonski told the board members about training available to them: Tuesday, September 22 at the DMEC or Wednesday, October 14 at Little Rock.

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to move the trailer house to the side of the Wickes High School and use it for self-

contained special education. The board also approved the moving of the trailer and additional costs of an awning and walkway to be paid with the ARRA IDEA stimulus money. Vote: unanimous

The public meeting date was set for October 1, 2009 at 700 pm.

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to rescind the policy of the school district paying for the \$100 teacher license renewal fee. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to designate Mrs. Witonski as the authorized signer for the Wickes School District concerning the loan from Chambers Bank. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to approve the list of retired fixed assets as presented. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to change the wording in the cell phone reimbursement policy from "Mr. Blackwell" to "superintendent". Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept the ACSIP for the 2009/2010 school year. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Scotty Polk to accept the Minority recruitment plan for the 2009/2010 school year. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made to accept the Gifted and Talented Policy for the 2009/2010 school year. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to accept the Federal and State budget for the 2009/2010 school year and federal programs. Vote: unanimous

Mrs. Witonski explained that by moving several legitimate salaries from the operating fund into different federal funds, we would be freeing up operating monies to get us through the school year.

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Jeff Cook to approve the district budget for the 2009/2010 school year. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Barry Bailey to approve the ARRA stimulus budgets, Title I-A, Title 6-B IDEA, and Stabilization, pending approval from the State Department. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Barry Bailey to approve the following transfers:

Anita Pinkerton from Kirby to Wickes (Umpire)
Donald Aaron from Cove to Wickes
Destinee Evans from Wickes to Cove
Jacob Hammer from DeQueen to Wickes
Amber and Dustin Hill from DeQueen to Wickes
Nisael Enriquez, Victar Enriquez, and Hugo Silva from Wickes to Dequeen
Vote: unanimous

Mrs. Witonski asked the board about selling or trading the school pickup in and getting a more fuel economical vehicle and the board disagreed with trading the pickup in, but to keep the pickup for safety reasons and also because of the depreciation of the pickup.

Motion was made by Rodney Saddler and 2nd by Linda Gillaspy to move Fred Smith from a certified to a classified contract.
Vote: unanimous

The board retired into executive session at 7:30 and reconvened at 7:50.

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Rodney Saddler to accept the resignation of Edwin Frachiseur. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Jerry Watkins and 2nd by Barry Bailey to hire Keith Whisenhunt for maintenance at Wickes. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Scotty Polk and 2nd by Jerry Watkins to hire Sandy Morgan as a RN nurse for 3 days/week. Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Linda Gillaspy and 2nd by Barry Bailey to hire Marilyn Keith as bookkeeper/federal assistant. Vote: unanimous

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

Board President
Doug Curtis

Board Secretary
Linda Gillaspy