

Regular School Board Meeting
July 26, 2010
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Jeannie Cole, Dr. David Hunton, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Ms. Shannon Blatt and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin. Ms. Barbara Hathcock was not present. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent, and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary to the superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the June 21, 2010 school board minutes, and the June Financial Report. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations

Rolana Adair
Judith Durham
Felicia Fletcher
Rachel Gaston
Thomas Michael Gray
Penny Harris
Lisa Lane
Kelsey Rozell
Allison Troyer Price
Candace Williams
Cassandra Greene
Sarah Higgins

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Sarah E. Bradshaw
Valerie D. Brewer
Sheila L. Butler
Leslie L. Collier
Ruth M. Collyar

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

Melissa A. Huynh

Kristian T. Lampkin
Jennifer A. Newton
Amy S. Pumphrey
Shiloh G. Scott
Rachel E. Stewart
Amanda M. Stockdale
Michelle R. Wallace
Richard N. Weisenfels

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl recognized Dr. Gooden for the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Gooden read a resolution to give official notice of the annual school election and polling places. Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the resolution. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl noted that Arkansas statutes allow the Election Commission to combine or reduce the number of polling places on Election Day. Since there is no tax issue, the Commission has asked the District to consider this option. The District would save approximately \$10,000 by reducing the number of polling places. Dr. Mehl stated that by reducing the number of polling locations, participation in the election would be reduced.

Ms. Blatt, Mr. Wade, and Ms. Cole stated that because of the economic downturn, that the District should try to save \$10,000. Dr. Hunton abstained as he is a candidate for election and has an opponent. Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to recommend reducing the number of polling places for the 2010 school board election. The vote was 4/1 with Dr. Mehl opposed.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE:

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Blatt for the finance portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve contracts with Vista Health of Barling, Horizon-Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center and Brownwood Schools, Inc. to provide services for students with disabilities. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve contracts with the Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center, Ms. Becky Hartsfield, Dr. Ron McInroe, and Boardman Speech

Pathology, Inc., to provide services for students with disabilities. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve Hiland Dairy for dairy products and approve Hostess Brands for bakery products for the 2010-2011 school year. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Cole for the Curriculum portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the McKinney Vento Homeless Assurances. This money will provide approximately \$60,000 for services for homeless students. The vote for approval was 6/0.

BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:

There were no comments for Board Members Forum

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Deanie Mehl, President

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary