

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF CROSSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #52  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Crossett School District was held at Crossett High School, 301 West 9th, Crossett, AR at 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011.

Members Present:

Doug Thurman, President  
Jeff Langley, Secretary  
Robert Cornelius  
Raymond Blair

Others Present:

Dr. Janice Warren, Superintendent  
Linda Goodwin, Assistant Superintendent  
Norman Hill, Business Manager  
77 Staff & Visitors  
2 Members of the Media

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular March 14, 2011 and the Special March 10, 2011 meetings were approved as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. ADE Standards Request

Dr. Warren informed the Board that extended days are not allowed by the Arkansas Department of Education Standards Unit for make-up due to inclement weather. She therefore recommended that students attend school from 8:00 to 12:00 on June 9, in addition to the already approved full day on April 25. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Financial Report

Business Manager Norman Hill presented the Financial Report. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the report, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

## B. CenterPoint Energy Presentation

Monica Beard-Raymond of CenterPoint Energy presented the district with a rebate check for \$13,000.00 for our installation of a new energy efficient HVAC System at Crossett High School. She informed the Board that we will see thousands of dollars worth of savings due to our choice of the energy saving system.

## C. Appointment of New Board Member

Doug Thurman asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Harrison as Secretary and member of the Crossett School District Board of Education. Robert Cornelius made the motion, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

He then read a letter from Mr. Harrison recommending the following candidates for his replacement until the election in September: Doug Webb, Rodney Brown, Dr. Alan Wilson and Paul Weems. The candidates introduced themselves, and Rodney Brown excused himself from consideration. Doug Thurman asked each one if they were related to anyone employed by the district, and they all replied in the negative. He then asked if the candidate would run for the position for the next 5 year term. Doug Webb said no, and Dr. Wilson and Paul Weems said yes.

At this time Mr. Thurman moved the Board into Executive Session. Mr. Cornelius informed the Board that they could not go into Executive Session for any reason other than to discuss personnel issues, this was not a personnel issue and they should hold the vote in Regular Session.

Mr. Thurman asked for nominations, and Mr. Cornelius nominated Dr. Alan Wilson. Mr. Thurman asked for a show of hands in favor of Dr. Wilson and Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Blair voted yes, with Mr. Thurman and Mr. Langley voting no.

Mr. Cornelius stated that there could be no resolution by the Board and that the matter should be sent to the Ashley Count Quorum Court.

Mr. Thurman stated that the discussion was over and that the Board would move on to the next item on the Agenda.

## D. Bid for Custodial Services

Norman Hill recommended that the Board accept the only bid for Custodial Services from GCA Services, Inc in the amount of \$440,520.60. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

## E. 2010 Audit Report

Mr. Hill reported the Findings of the Arkansas Legislative Audit for the year 2010, and recommended that the Board accept the report. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the

recommendation, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

#### F. Elementary Textbook Adoption

Pam Pevy, Elementary Curriculum Director, presented the attached list of Literacy textbooks for grades 1-4 for the 2011-2012 school year. Jeff Langley moved to adopt as presented, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

#### G. CHS Review

Henry Anderson, Crossett High School Principal, introduced Linda Newman, teacher of the Weekend Credit Recovery Program, and Jordan Bustion and Jeremy Jenkins, students involved in the program, who explained how the program made it possible for them to graduate. He then introduced Audwin Bradford, East Lab Director, who presented a video prepared by the East Lab students.

Mr. Anderson explained various programs he is using to improve test scores and prepare Crossett High School students for success in higher education and career choices.

#### H. Good News

Linda Goodwin, Assistant Superintendent, had enclosed the Good News in Board Folders, informing board members of the great things happening in our district. (Attached)

#### I. Personnel (Executive Session)

Mr. Thurman moved the Board into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. The regular session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

#### J. Personnel Actions

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board accept the resignations of Charlotte Frisby as CMS Parental Involvement Chairperson and Shelia Herron, CES Teacher. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

She then recommended that the Board employ Nona Alicia Brown as Special Education Teacher for the 2011-1012 school year, Sharon Duke as Pre-K Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, Titiana Brown as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, Rosalynn Avery as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, and Jana McCollum as Elementary PE Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passes 4-0.

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board employ Darrick Tucker as Special Education Paraprofessional. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board employ Patsy Roberts as Teacher of Record for CMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy Class, who has been acting in that capacity since 8/19/11. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Robert Cornelius seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Warren then recommended that the Board renew the contracts of the attached list of Classified Employees. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_, President

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\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder

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