

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF CROSSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #52
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Crossett School District was held at Hugh Willis Administration Building, 219 Main, Crossett, AR at 5:30 p.m. on June 13, 2011.

Members Present:

Doug Thurman, President
Robert Cornelius, Vice President
Jeff Langley, Secretary
Raymond Blair
Dr. Alan Wilson

Others Present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular May 14, the Special May 25, and the Special May 31, 2011 meetings were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Policies

After a second reading, Dr. Wilson moved to accept Board Policy numbers 4.1 – 4.47, and to hold over numbers 4.52 – 4.53 for a second reading. Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

B. School Board Rezoning

Mr. Thurman stated that Dr. Wilson's seat will be up for election in September of 2011. He then introduced Tommy Hooks, Ashley County Election Commissioner, and asked him to speak regarding the rezoning of the school board districts. Mr. Hooks reported that rezoning has to be completed by June 22, 2011, and that the County Clerk has to notify all voters if their zone has changed. He also stated that all school board members will have to run for re-election by September 2012, but they have the option of holding the election in September of 2011. Dr. Wilson asked if there would be any reason to wait for 2012 to hold the election. Mr. Thurman answered that the new Superintendent should not be left with a new Board. Dr. Wilson replied

that any board members should support the new Superintendent.

Robert Cornelius then moved to have the election in September of 2011, pending completion of the rezoning, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 3-2 with a show of hands: Robert Cornelius, Raymond Blair and Dr. Wilson voting yes; Doug Thurman and Jeff Langley voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Mr. Hill presented the Financial Report. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the report, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

He then presented a request from Cheryl Cooper, Food Service Director, to increase school lunch prices from \$1.50 to \$2.00 for elementary and from \$1.75 to \$2.00 for secondary, per USDA requirements. Dr. Wilson moved to adopt the new prices, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hill then presented the attached list of Purchased Service contracts for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Thurman said that Dr. Bryant asked that some contracts be brought back for approval at the July board meeting. The following list is brought for approval tonight:

SubTeachUSA, Substitute Teachers
Norman Hill Enterprises, LLC, Business Manager
SEARK Coop Hippy Program
SEARK Coop Science/Math Coaches Consortium
SEARK Coop, Stephanie Cole, LEA Supervisor
SEARK Coop, Brenda Brown, Psychological Examiner
SEARK Coop, Jim Lucas, Statistician
Arkansas Leadership Academy, U of A Professional Development
Medicaid in the Schools
Teach for America, CHS Highly Qualified Teachers
GCA Custodial Services
Seven Acre Sky, Damon Dean, Fiscal Consultant

Dr. Wilson moved to approve the list of contracts, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hill then recommended that the Board approve an Additional Duties Stipend for Head Coach of 2 Sports. Robert Cornelius moved to approve, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hill recommended that Contract Addendums for 2010-2011 be approved. Dr. Wilson moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

B. Proposed Budget

Mr. Hill recommended that the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year be adopted. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

C. Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board adopt the attached meeting dates for the 2011-2012 school year, those dates remaining on the second Monday of each month. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

D. Bus/Intercom Bids

Mr. Hill recommended that the Board accept the low bid from Central States Bus Company for a new 84 passenger bus with air conditioning. Raymond Blair moved to accept the recommendation, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

He then recommended that the Board accept the low bid from DataCom Business Solutions for a new intercom system at Crossett High School. Dr. Wilson moved to accept the recommendation, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

E. Policies

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board adopt the attached Changed or Added Policies numbered 4.1 through 4.47 from the Arkansas School Boards Association and the Sick Leave Bank Policy. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

She then recommended that the new policies, numbers 4.52 and 4.53 be brought back for a second reading at the July board meeting. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Jeff Langley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

F. ASBA Insurance Renewal

Dr. Warren recommended that Crossett School District continue with the Arkansas School Boards Association Risk Management insurance plan. Dr. Wilson moved to accept the recommendation, Robert Cornelius seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

G. ALE Agreement

Superintendent Warren recommended that the district renew our contract with the Hamburg School District to continue the Alternative Learning Academy Consortia. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Robert Cornelius seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

H. Good News

Linda Goodwin and Dr. Warren presented the great things that are happening on all campuses in the district, including the G-P Waterways Festival for the elementary students, the choice of Dorinda Pistole as Teacher of the Year, the choice of Payton Henry to attend the Key Issues Institute in Silverthorne, Colorado, and the Honor Graduates for 2010-2011.

Dr. Warren then addressed the Board concerning the goals she and Mrs. Goodwin had set for themselves and the district when they began their journey as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, at which time the district was in Fiscal Distress and state mandated test scores were down. Presently, every school in our district is fully accredited by the State Department of Education, School Performance Status graded the district "Meet and Exceeds Standards", the Annual Performance Report from the Arkansas Department of Special Education said that the Crossett School District meets requirements in all areas of Special Education for the first time in the years Dr. Warren and Mrs. Goodwin have been in administration. The Office of Financial Accountability says that the Crossett School District's status is "Excellent, with a \$5,000,000.00 cash balance." The test scores are up in every grade, with Proficient and Advanced percentages up in literacy and math.

Dr. Warren then said that she and Mrs. Goodwin are leaving the district in good shape and in good hands, and they wish Dr. Bryant and the Board and Crossett School District nothing but the best.

I. Personnel (Executive Session)

Mr. Thurman moved the Board into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

The Regular Session resumed at 6:51 p.m.

J. Personnel

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board accept the resignations of Don Lenderman, Coaching; Lisa Reed, CHS Math Teacher; Kristie Rounds, CHS English Teacher; Patty Frisby, CES Parent Facilitator; Jana McCollum, CES Physical Education Teacher; Bobby McMahan, Coaching; Jason Bohler, Coaching; Crystal Elliott, CMS Teacher, and Alvin Elliott, CMS Teacher. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Raymond Blair seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

She then recommended that the Board employ Patrick Mathis, CES Elementary Physical Education Teacher; Kayla Mathis, CES Classroom Teacher; Kelly Howie, CES Parent Facilitator; Stephanie Chrissotimos, CHS English Teacher; Matt Womeldorff, CHS Biology Teacher; Sarah Storm, CHS Math Teacher; Gwen Prose, CHS Civics/Economics Teacher; Keri Carter, Special Education Teacher; Lisa Bryant, Special Education Teacher (Pending adoption of Ethics Resolution in July meeting); Rachel Gasaway, CMS English Teacher; Paul House, CMS Social Studies Teacher and Bobby Ray Kirkpatrick, CMS 7th Grade Math Teacher. Dr. Wilson moved to accept the recommendation, Robert Cornelius seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Warren then recommended that the Board employ Michelle Brewer, Special Education

Paraprofessional and Timothy Dunn, Special Education Paraprofessional. Robert Cornelius moved to accept the recommendation, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Warren recommended that the Board employ the attached list of teachers for the 2011 Summer Session at Crossett High School. Jeff Langley moved to accept the recommendation, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Thurman then asked for a motion to award Dr. Warren and Linda Goodwin a \$5000 School Improvement Incentive. Robert Cornelius made the motion, Dr. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed 4-1 by a show of hands, with Mr. Thurman voting against.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

_____, President

_____, Secretary

_____, Recorder

_____, Date