

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

March 10, 2015

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in a working session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The purpose of the session was to meet with architects and representatives from Baldwin and Shell Construction Company.

Those present were President Barry Joe Wilson, Vice-president Brad Koen, Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Board Members Kenneth Graves, Johnny Lockley, and Drew Whiting, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Bruce Morgan was absent.

Following the working session, the regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 7:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015, meeting. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0. (7:16 p.m.)

Financial - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the February financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:18 p.m.)

Administrative Reports

Professional Liability Insurance Renewal - A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to accept the recommendation to renew Professional Liability Insurance through the Arkansas School Boards Association at a cost of \$6,646.00. This is an increase of \$1,355.00 from the previous year. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:21 p.m.)

Professional Development Calendar - Mr. Graves made a motion to adopt the dates of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016, as the professional development calendar year. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:23 p.m.)

2015-16 Calendar - A motion to adopt Option 2 for the 2015-16 school calendar as presented by the PPC and is attached was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:28 p.m.)

Act 286 - which gives options as how schools can make up days missed due to snow and ice was discussed. Mr. Koen made a motion to table action on this until teachers and staff are able to give feedback. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:46 p.m.)

2013-14 Audit - Dr. Dardenne reported to the board that the 2013-14 audit was completed and now waiting on the next phase. (7:47 p.m.)

Requests for use of Facilities

Prom - Mr. Graves made a motion to grant the request to use the high school cafeteria for the

prom on April 11, 2015. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0. (7:49 p.m.)

Fish Fry - A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to grant the request from the Gillett Farmers and Business Men's organization to use the Gillett cafeteria for their annual family fish fry. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:50 p.m.)

Student In-District Transfer Request - Mr. Graves made a motion to table the request from the parents of a kindergarten student to transfer from DeWitt Elementary to Gillett Elementary until after Kindergarten registration. This is in order to confirm the number of spaces available. The board will revisit this request after June 1, 2015. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:52 p.m.)

Superintendent's Reports

Robotics Team - did not get to compete in the competition due to inclement weather. They are hoping to be able to compete next year.

Legislative Update - Dr. Dardenne shared information on some of the bills being considered by the legislature.

Insurance Update - Reports are that insurance premiums could go up as much as \$300.00.

Evening High School Registration - went really well with a good turnout and hope to have another soon to enroll those who will be Freshmen next year.

Kindergarten Registration - will be held at DeWitt Elementary and Gillett Elementary on March 18.

PARCC Testing - began March 10 and went really well with very few problems.

PPC Calendar - Make-up options were discussed. A survey will be sent to staff to vote.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session at 9:19 p.m. and declaring the board to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Personnel

Resignations - A motion was made by Mr. Koen to accept the resignations of the following:

Valerie Brown Frankie Owens

Peggy Denman Vikki West

Donald Harris

Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment - Mr. Graves made a motion to employ the following:

Diane Clawson - Lunchroom Worker

Deane Bisswanger - X-Long route at Gillett

Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to accept the recommendation to renew the contracts of the following for 2015-16, was made by Mr. Graves:

Julie Adams - Federal Programs Coordinator

Julie Amstutz - DeWitt Elementary Principal

Clay Ashcraft - DeWitt Middle School Principal

Doug Corley - DeWitt High School Dean of Students

Rachel Mitchell - Gillett Elementary Principal
Jeff Rader - Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor
Justin Russell - DeWitt Middle School Dean of Students
Bobbie Steeland - DeWitt Elementary Assistant Principal
Marty Weaver - DeWitt High School Principal
Winnie Wilson - Special Services Supervisor
Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (9:22 p.m.)

Mr. Graves made a motion to renew the contracts of all licensed personnel who requested renewal with the exception of those receiving non-renewal notices by May 1, 2015. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0. (9:23 p.m.)

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BARRY JOE WILSON, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY