

## DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

May 12, 2015

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

In the absence of President Barry Joe Wilson, the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-president Brad Koen. Others present were Secretary Shawanna Wansley and Board Members Kenneth Graves, Johnny Lockley, Bruce Morgan, and Drew Whiting, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

**Construction Management Update** - was postponed until the June meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Minutes** - Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015, regular meeting and the minutes from the April 29, 2015, called meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (7:05 p.m.)

**Financial** - A motion to approve the April financial report as presented was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:10 p.m.)

### **Administrative Reports**

**The Learning Institute Contract**- Mr. Morgan made a motion to renew the contract with The Learning Institute for 2015-2016, which provides formative assessments in science, mathematics and literacy for grades 3-12 at a cost of \$33,158.00. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:14 p.m.)

**Arkansas Leadership Academy Contract** - A motion to renew the contract with the Leadership Academy for 2015-2016 was made by Mr. Lockley. This will provide services for DeWitt Middle School for one more year and support for DeWitt High School in the amount of \$74,281.00 DHS and \$26,000.00 DMS. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (7:25 p.m.)

**Permission to seek bids for two route buses** - Mr. Lockley made a motion to grant the request for permission to seek bids for two route buses to be purchased with Isolated Transportation Funding. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:30 p.m.)

**Read 180** - A motion to approve the purchase of sixty (60) licenses for DeWitt Middle School for Read 180, a researched learning curve intervention program, at a cost of \$54,246.00 was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:37 p.m.)

**Consideration of Personnel Policy Changes** - Personnel Policy Committee Chairperson, Daniel White presented a recommendation from the PPC to make changes to **3.8 A - Bereavement Policy**. After discussion regarding the recommended changes to this policy a motion was made by Mr. Morgan to refer this policy back to the PPC. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

**3.5C - Retirement Policy** - Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the recommended change to 3.5C-Retirement.

Add to line (a) of section 3.5c the following, "Retirement pay shall be based on the

rate of pay for non-degree holding substitutes as of the first day of school of the school year in which a person retires.”

Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:54 p.m.)

**Superintendent's Reports** - Dr. Dardenne reported to the board on the following:

- Accreditation Report
- Trans-America Life Insurance
- Summer Maintenance
- Summer Hours
- Graduation
- Pre-K Grant
- One- to-One

**PPC** - had no additional information to be brought forth.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session at 9:25 p.m. and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

**Personnel**

**Resignations** - A motion to accept the bus driving resignation of Deane Bisswanger was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the resignation of Julie Duncan, afternoon bus driver. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the resignation of Reba Currie as para-pro. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

**Employment** - Mr. Graves made a motion to employ Debbie Childers as DES lunchroom supervisor. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to employ Lisa Wilson as Distance Learning Lab Facilitator was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Lockley made a motion to employ Tim Midkiff as Bus Mechanic 2 beginning July 1, 2015. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried.

A motion to employ James Hawkins as Bus Supervisor/Transportation Supervisor was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Graves made a motion to employ Chris Clinton in the following positions:

- Primary Head Sr. Girls Basketball
- Primary Head Jr. Girls Basketball
- Assistant Softball

7th Grade Athletics  
Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

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There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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BARRY JOE WILSON, PRESIDENT

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SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY