

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

April 12, 2016

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2015, in the DeWitt High School Library.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brad Koen. Others present were Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Board Members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, Johnny Lockley, and Bruce Morgan, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Drew Whiting was absent.

Student Showcase

- **First Robotics team** – Demonstrated the robot built by the team. The team also participated in the state tournament March 9-12.
- **Quiz Bowl team** – was recognized for placing second in the 4A district Quiz Bowl competition.
- **Anna Cunningham and Shelby Anderson** were recognized as recipients of the Governor's Distinguished Scholar Award.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016, regular meeting and the March 17, 2015, special meeting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:22 p.m.)

Financial – A motion to approve the March financial report as presented was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:24 p.m.)

Solar Farm – Arkansas County Judge, Eddie Best, gave a preliminary report about the potential rotating solar farm and its impact on the DeWitt School District. Starting date is to be late 2016 to early 2017. (7:40 p.m.)

Construction Update – was given by project Superintendent Sheldon Griffis. (7:45 p.m.)

Renovation Change Order – A motion to approve the renovation change order for the DeWitt High School cafeteria and band hall in the amount of \$216,596.00 was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:46 p.m.)

Furniture for new Middle School

Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the bid from VIRCO, through Tips/Taps in the amount of \$98,108.15, for furniture for new Middle School. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:49 p.m.)

A motion to accept the bid from Arkansas Correctional Industries (ACI) for additional furnishings for the new Middle School in the amount of \$23,574.50, was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0 (8:01 p.m.)

Technology Bid – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to accept the bid from Piraino Consulting for classroom technology for the new Middle School through Tips/Taps at a cost of \$90,736.95. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:13 p.m.)

Career and Technical Education – A CTE on-site visit was held and only one area of concern was found with FACS at DeWitt Middle School and DeWitt High School. (8:15 p.m.)

Request to Seek Bids for Two New Busses – Mr. Graves made a motion to grant the request to seek bids on two new busses for the district. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (8:21 p.m.)

Correction to February 2016 Minutes – Winnie Wilson’s contract was renewed in the February 10 board meeting but her name was left off of the February 10 minutes. Therefore, a motion was made by Mrs. Wansley to add Mrs. Wilson’s name to that list. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (8:23 p.m.)

Student Insurance Renewal – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to renew student/athletic insurance with Health Special Risk, Inc. (HSR) at a cost of \$12,347.00 for the 2016-17 school year. This is the same cost as the previous year. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (8:25 p.m.)

Student Transfer Request – Mr. Lockley made a motion to allow a student to transfer to Stuttgart due to extenuating circumstances. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:26 p. m.)

Drain Pipe Installation – A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to grant the request from Mayor Ralph Relyea to give the city permission, after obtaining legal advice, to allow installation of a drain pipe through school property located by the baseball field. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:31 p.m.)

Request to use High School Cafeteria for Prom – Mr. Lockley made a motion to grant the request from Senior parents use of the high school cafeteria for prom on April 16, 2016. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (8:32 p.m.)

Request to Hire Summer Help – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to table until May the request to hire Summer help as needed for moving and technology installation. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (8:37 p.m.)

DES Pre-K Playground Equipment – A motion to purchase playground equipment, in the amount of \$19,952.76, for the DES HQPP through TIPS/TAPS contract was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:40 p.m.)

Bus Engine – Mr. Morgan made a motion to purchase a new engine for bus #33 from Summit Bus at a cost of \$25,201.68. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (8:49 p.m.)

Gillett PTO – Mr. Graves made a motion to grant the request from the Gillett PTO to use the playground, gym and cafeteria for a Field Day on May 19, 2016. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (8:50 p.m.)

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Dardenne reported to the Board on the following.

- A. Facilities Update
 - a. Asbestos Removal
 - b. Track
- B. Enrollment numbers and Kindergarten Registration

- C. School Choice Requests
- D. Jr. Sr. Banquet will be held in the cafeteria on April 16, 2016
- E. Calendar adjustment due to inclement weather
- F. FBLA competition results

PPC – had nothing to report at this time.

The Board went into executive session for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session at 9:55 and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Personnel

Resignations – Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the following resignations:

- Janet Snyder
- Shonnie Lee
- Barbara Kirkpatrick
- Donna Barnett – Retirement

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

Transfer – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to grant the request from para-pro Jamie Cook to transfer to Gillett ABC pre-school. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment

Mrs. Wansley made a motion to employ the following:

- Keane Guiden - Head Boys' Basketball/Teacher
- Savanna Foster - Counselor DES/GES
- Megan Curtis - 4-8 Position
- Mandy Cotton - Jr. High Cheerleading

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

Classified Personnel

Mr. Lockley made a motion to accept the recommendation to renew the contracts of all classified personnel who requested renewal with the exception of those who may receive a letter of non-renewal by May 1, 2016. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY