

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

December 15, 2015

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on December 15, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

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

Student Showcase – The following students were recognized for their achievements:

DES Spelling Bee Winner	Makayla Counce
1 st Runner Up	Dikyrah Bannister
2 nd Runner Up	Joshua Jones-Burley
DHS- Youth Senate Program	Anna Cunningham
DHS- Band Scholarship AR Tech	Jordan Davis

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2015, Facilities Public Hearing and the same date regular meeting was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:09 p.m.)

Financial - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the November financial report as presented. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (7:00 p.m.)

New Business

Construction Update – was given by Chris Bartlett, Project Manager Baldwin Shell. (7:15 p.m.)

Review of Draft Plans – for band hall and cafeteria, color board for interiors was presented for board comment (7:20 p.m.)

Facilities Master Plan Resolution – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to approve the Facilities Master Plan Resolution with change being made to number 5. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:29 p.m.)

School Improvement Update – Julie Adams informed the board that ACSIP has now been changed to INDISTAR and walked the members through one of the steps.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the MOA with the Arkansas County Office of Emergency Management for use of school district facilities in the event of a disaster. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:46 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report

- A. **Preliminary Test Scores** from the spring PARCC test have been received. Whenever a new test comes on the scene, it is necessary to recalculate scale scores and cut scores. With the PARCC, student performance bands increased from the four performance levels of below basic, basic, proficient and advanced to five performance levels of did not meet

expectations, partially met expectations, approached expectations, met expectations to exceeded expectations. The preliminary scores show that at least three of four schools in the district received achieving status overall and appeals have been filed for the fourth school.

- B. **Sub Teach** –The board asked that Dr. Dardenne gather information and data concerning sub-teach and the concerns voiced by PPC. Most requests for subs are covered. When a large number of staff are out it becomes difficult to cover classes. Attempts will be made to limit absentees for professional development in the future but principals and staff have no control over sickness for them or their families.
- C. **ASBA Meeting** – Five board members and Dr. Dardenne were able to attend the annual Arkansas School Boards Association meeting December 9, 10, and 11. Sessions were geared toward student focused leadership. Board members attended sessions dealing with technology, student assessment, school safety and several other topics.
- D. **Joint Use Agreement** – The DeWitt School District received a Joint Use Agreement from Arkansas Department of Education, School Health Unit in the amount of \$13,000.00. The grant will allow the District to replace the walking lights at Dragon Stadium. The lights that were installed when the stadium was built are no longer viable. Several community members use the track for health walking and they have missed the lights. Lights will be installed as soon as the funds are released.
- E. **Read 180** – The Board approved the implementation of READ 180 at DeWitt Middle School. Read 180 is a literacy program that targets reading improvement for struggling readers. The teacher received an email from the parent expressing her thanks for this program.

Personnel Policies Committee - Results of teacher survey were presented.

The Board went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Increase in Hours -A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the recommendation to increase the daily time for **Rose Williams** from six hours to seven hours per day at her present hourly rate, beginning January 4, 2016, as she is serving as an interim manager. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment

Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve **Becca Lane** as a full long route bus driver for the remainder of the school year effective November 30, 2015. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to employ **Teresa Oswalt** as a para-professional for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY