

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD
February 14, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Kenneth Graves, April Herring, and Johnny Lockley (7:15 p.m.), along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

Dr. Dardenne recognized the following for their accomplishments:

- Jr. High Quiz Bowl qualified to go to state,
- David Connell placed 4th in the state art contest,
- All-Region Band - All State qualifiers,
- Bowling Team competes in the state bowling tournament February 15, and
- Lori Wilson has been named Southeast Arkansas Counselor of the year.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017, regular meeting and the January 23, 2017, special meeting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:05 p.m.)

Financial – Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the January financial report as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:07 p.m.)

School Board Legal Liability Insurance Proposal – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve renewal of school board legal liability insurance through BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:09 p.m.)

Request for Use of School Facilities

PeeWee Boys Basketball - A motion to approve the request from the PeeWee Boys Basketball use of the gymnasium on February 11th and 18th was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:10 p.m.)

AR County 4-H – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to grant the request from AR County 4-H use of the high school cafeteria for their annual banquet on March 13, 2017. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:11 p.m.)

Prairie Angels 4-H – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve the request from Prairie Angels 4-H to use the old football field for an Easter egg hunt on April 8, 2017. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:12 p.m.)

Act 1599 Resolution - A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the recommendation to adopt a resolution to enter into a resolution agreement to conduct business with the following vendors in compliance with Act 1599:

New Leaf Florist

KO Mowing
Troy's Drive In
Young's Refrigeration and Electric
Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:13 p.m.)

APEX Software Renewal – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to renew the contract agreement with Apex Learning for 406 licenses at a cost of \$25.00 each. Total cost is \$10,150.00. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:15 p.m.)

Out of State Professional Development Request – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to grant the request from Julie Adams and Bobbie Lynn Steeland to attend the I-Ready Conference, March 1-3 in Nashville, TN for professional development. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:16 p.m.)

Permission to Seek Bids for Copy Machines – Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the request to seek bids for copy machines (leased) for the district. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:18 p.m.)

Permission to seek bids for Refurbishing Track – A motion to grant the request to seek bids for refurbishing the track was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:25 p.m.)

Pre-School Handbooks for 2017-18 – A motion to approve the changes to the 2017-18 pre-school handbooks was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:30 p.m.)

Portable Building Bid – Mr. Lockley made a motion to reject the bid received on the portable building offered for sale by the district. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:40 p.m.)

PPC – had nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Grants received have been;
 - 1. Transportation Alternative,
 - 2. Game and Fish, and
 - 3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.
- B. Facilities Master Plan Update
- C. Food Service On-Site Review Report
- D. Board Training Opportunities
 - 1. ASBA 4-Corners Training
 - 2. Southern Regional Leadership Conference

The Board went into executive session at 8:00 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.

Resignations – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the resignations of the following to be effective at the end of the current school year:

Betty Vansandt
Kay Mitchell
Pat Rawls

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

Employment – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to renew the contracts of the following administrative personnel for the 2017-18 school year:

Julie Adams - Federal Programs Coordinator
Jeff Rader - Maintenance and Transportation Director
Winnie Wilson - Special Education Coordinator
Clay Ashcraft - DeWitt High School Principal
Justin Russell - DeWitt Middle School Principal
Julie Amstutz - DeWitt Elementary Principal
Rachel Mitchell - Gillett Elementary Principal and Pre-School Director for DeWitt/Gillett
Bobbie Steeland- DeWitt Elementary Assistant Principal
Doug Corley - Assistant DeWitt High School Principal – Athletic Director
Marty Weaver - Juvenile Detention

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

Leave of Absence – Mr. Whiting made a motion to grant Stacy Carr a leave of absence through March 29, 2017. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY