

Conway School District No. 317
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Director's of the Conway School District was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 in the Digital Commons. Director Bell- Hinderstein called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Director Bell-Hinderstein, Director Melton, Director Sicklesteel, and Director Dalseg.

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Sicklesteel to excuse Director Halliday from the meeting. Motion passed.

Staff Present: Julie DeBellis, Catlyn Sayler, John Townsend, Angela Pederson, Liz Caldwell and Deenie Berry.

Communications:

1. CEA/PSE Comments: None
2. PSE comment: None
3. Student/ Staff Comments:
4. PTA Comments: None
5. Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

Director Sicklesteel moved and the motion was seconded by Director Dalseg to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Motion passed.

Director Melton moved to approve the check vouchers 9134-9249 in the amount of \$355,141.61 with payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 58,705.25, for a total of \$ 413,846.86. Director Dalseg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent's Report

February Superintendent's Report

District Improvement Planning

Our school board met earlier this month for a mid-year 'retreat' in order to accomplish some long-term strategic planning for the district. We discussed a variety of topics, including the financial implications of this year's and next year's legislative sessions, the recent authorization of the Every Student Succeeds Act, reducing class-size in our primary grades, supporting further technology integration, and planning for a curriculum adoption in Math. I greatly appreciate our board's thoughtful dedication to the future of the district.

Teaching and Learning

We also recently started up our 2nd After-School Enrichment Program session. Intermediate and middle school students were able to sign up for Spanish or Art. After Spring Break we plan to offer different 'technology-based' classes. We are creating our Curriculum Adoption Committee this month, with the goal of having our first meeting in March to plan Math curriculum adoption – targeted for Spring/2017. Our district leadership team has planning day next week to create a variety of learning opportunities for all staff on March 7th. We appreciate the community's support of this non-student day.

Community Support

I am also pleased to present to the board this month a very generous donation from a proud Conway graduate. Thanks to this donor, we will be able to equip our middle school Science lab with a new and improved 3-D Printer and a variety of coding/design-technology equipment. Additionally, we are looking into different resources to support students in our Life Skills and special education programs. Along those same lines, our district continues to work closely with our PTA to create opportunities for kids and to engage families. The PTA Auction, Missoula Children's Theater and Ham Dinner are PTA-sponsored events during the next several months. Lastly, our Public Art Installation Committee is set to meet in March. We will work with the State Arts' Commission to plan and implement a work of public art on our campus. Several parents and staff members, and one board member are participating on this committee.

Principals Report:

2nd Grade Students' Class-Project Presentations

Deenie asked Mrs. DeBellis and Mrs. Saylor to present the changes in Second grade Science. They start with a question and then ask the kids to build it and rebuild it better.

Kids start with a question "how can you move a marble 3' without throwing, it touching, it or rolling it." They start with an idea and then give a prediction then try it, record their results and improve the plan if it did not work right. It is creating real thinking rather than telling the kids what to think. Mrs. Saylor's kids present three different ways to move a marble 3' without throwing touching or rolling it. Mrs Debellis's class presented different airplane designs

Enrollment Report:

Chris Pearson

Current Enrollment: 409.5

Monthly Average: 411.25

Financial Report:

Business Manager Liz Caldwell reported on this month's financial reports:

· Month end account balance amounts:

ASB: \$ 18,092.14
State Match/Bond Proceeds: \$ 387,843.39
Tech Levy: \$ 59,041.58
Debt Service: \$ 159,548.64,
Transportation: \$ 22,158.24

· Month End General Fund Balance

Cash Balance with County Treasurer: \$ 1,026,222.62
Unassigned: \$ 393,370.76
Total Expenditures: \$ 385,737.63
Committed Cash: \$ 391,978.35
Contingency: \$ 100,000.00

· Revenues and expenditure amounts-general fund:

Revenues: \$ 374,768.36
Expenditures: \$ 385,737.63
Cash & Investments: \$ 885,349.11

Action Agenda

2nd Read: Procedure 2020P Instructional Materials and Curriculum Adoption; Board agreed to a 3rd read in March with identified revisions.

Director Sicklesteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Melton to approve Resolution 19-2015 to surplus materials listed. Motion passes.

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Sicklesteel to approve accepting the Okerlund Donation. Motion passes.

Directors Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Melton to approve the 2016-17 Conway School District Calendar. Motion passes.

Board Comments: None

Future Board Meetings:

March 21, 2016 Monday

April 18, 2016 Monday

Adjournment:

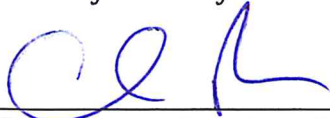
The regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

This meeting has been recorded and the tape is available in the District Office.

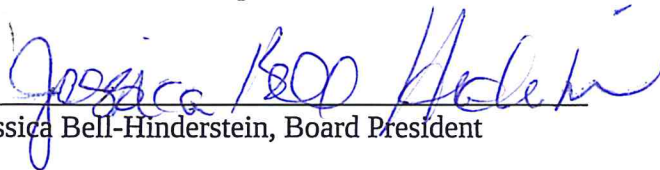
Executive Session was called to order at 8:15 to discuss the evaluation process for Superintendent Pearson.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:30. No decisions were made.

Submitted by Secretary to the Board, Dr. Chris Pearson.



Dr. Chris Pearson, Superintendent



Jessica Bell-Hinderstein, Board President