

Conway School District No. 317  
Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2016

**Call to Order**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conway School District was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in the Digital Commons. Director Bell-Hinderstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance:**

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

Staff Present: Liz Caldwell, and Deenie Berry

**Communications:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

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

Director Melton moved to approve the check vouchers 9481-9568 in the amount of \$451,125.22 with payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 57,304.92, for a total of \$ 508,430.14. Director Sicklesteel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Dr. Chris Pearson - Superintendent**

We recently finished another a successful year at Conway. Once again, our students' many talents were on display at the Spring Music and Band Concerts, as well as the Conway Talent Show. We said goodbye to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a nice ceremony and wonderful slide show, put together by Ann Penry. We also want say 'great job' to Angela Pedersen and our bus drivers for our recent 'perfect score' on our annual bus insepection. And, as we close the door on one year, we start planning for next year. These plans include:

- Continued work by our Math Instructional Materials Committee
- District improvement planning by our District Leadership Team
- Summer School Programming for targeted incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
- Continued development and improvement of our collaboration opportunities – both on Monday morning and during Student Study Teams
- Continued development and improvement of our after-school Enrichment Programs

This is not an exhaustive list, but it does provide a glimpse of our priorities, moving forward. Our focus for next year is on how we can best work together to support students and families.

### **Deenie Berry's Principal report:**

This has been a year of growth for all at Conway. I have observed growth in collaboration in all areas, growth in teacher leadership, and growth in our students.

We started the year with me asking a question about our students, "Are your students engaged or compliant?" This was a rhetorical question as we began to explore types of learning experiences that provided opportunities for complex thinking for our kids. This is what we must provide our students in order to be aligned with the State Standards. I've observed teachers implementing STEM projects, Concept Based Learning Projects, Interdisciplinary learning projects, etc. We are just getting our toes wet but these experiences were exciting for our students and definitely fit into our Marzano Instructional Framework definition of Complex Tasks.

Our Teacher leadership team is set for next year and we are expecting our strong teacher leaders to support their colleagues in our continuous improvement over the next year. The organization training us in this model of teacher leadership, CSTP – Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession) will be coming to train our whole leadership group in August.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we have some revisions noted about year-end activities. I'd like to expand our Awards assembly in some ways and narrow it down in others. I'd like to revisit our policy on Community Service and Activities and I'll be gathering the folks who updated the policy and procedures a year ago to look at some digital options for documentation.

In June, I brought together interested staff members to revisit our Positive Behavior Support and discipline plan. We will be joining a consortium for PBS at the ESD189 next year to expand our positive support and we will be getting some update training from the NWRDC for managing discipline through Skyward more efficiently.

Math Adoption has been on our minds all spring. As a Math team we have used a Common Core aligned rubric to analyze various materials this Spring. We heard a presentation from each publishing company and we are preparing to do further pilot activities in each classroom next year. June 21<sup>st</sup> is the next Math Team meeting to hear the ideas from each grade band about how we want to proceed in order to have a consistent decision K-5 by Spring.

Professionally, I learned a great deal this year about informally observing teachers using a new model. I am excited to implement this model with all staff that I evaluate in the coming year. This model will give me the opportunity to be a better mentor for teachers.

In order to meet the requirements of the K-4 Reading Initiative regarding students who are not reading at grade level by the SBA assessment in the spring, we have created a "Jump Start" summer program for 8 days prior to school. Students entering third, fourth, and fifth grade have been invited to participate. I have attached the Jump Start Flyer for registration.

I have enjoyed getting to know Chris Pearson as Superintendent. He is a strong leader with specific strategies for improvement and I look forward to our continued work together.

Thank you for your strong support of our work to meet the needs of our students.

**Enrollment:**

Dr. Chris Pearson

Head Count Enrollment: 439

FTE: 416.5

Monthly Average: 413

**Financial Report:**

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

· Month end account balance amounts:

ASB: \$ 24,563.89

Capital Projects: \$ 377,125.32

Tech Levy: \$ 57,136.13

Debt Service: \$ 469,385.89

Transportation: \$ 22,187.63

· Month End General Fund Balance

Cash Balance with County Treasurer: \$ 1,171,662.67

Unassigned: \$ 679,684.32

Accounts Payable: \$ 493,758.05

Committed Cash: \$ 391,978.35

Contingency: \$ 100,000.00

· Revenues and expenditure amounts-general fund:

Revenues: \$ 214,650.46

Expenditures: \$ 480,734.04

Cash & Investments: \$ 863,672.93

**Personnel Report:**

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Halliday to approve the personnel changes for the 16-17 school year. Motion passed.

- Hiring Monica Schmidt for Second Grade Teacher.
- Hiring Todd Mitchell for 3 hr Cashier position.
- Hiring Kathy Jensen for 5hr Custodian position.
- Hiring Cynthia Torres for Migrant/Bilingual Program Specialist.

**Action Agenda**

Director Dalseg made a motion and it was seconded by Director Halliday to approve the 2016-17 Skagit Detention Ed. Program Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed.

Director Halliday made a motion and it was seconded by Director Melton to approve 2016-17 NWRDC Contract. Motion passed.

Director Sichelsteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Dalseg to approve the 2016-17

NWESD Network Support Contract. Motion passes.

Director Sicklesteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Dalseg to approve the 2016-17 Budget Resolution 20-2015. Motion passed.

Additions to Procedure 2161P Related to the use of 'Isolation, Restraint and Restraint Devices'  
Director Sicklesteel made a motion and it was seconded by Director Melton to approve the changes to Procedure 2161P related to only this section. Motion passed.

**Future Board Meetings:**

July 25, 2016, 7:00pm: Regular School Board Meeting

**Board Comments: None**

**Executive Session:**

- Student Out of District Waiver Revocation Appeal
- Review of Principal and Superintendent Contracts


**Executive session adjourned at 8:10pm & Board re-convened the Regular Session**

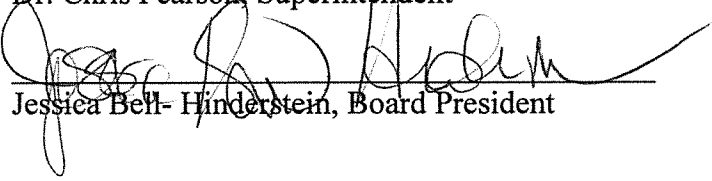
- The Board returned to regular session at this time to present its decision to uphold the district's decision to not renew the out of district waiver for Ezekial Henderson. This motion was made by Jessica Bell-Hinderstein and seconded by Wade Melton. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

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

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

  
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Dr. Chris Pearson, Superintendent

  
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Jessica Bell-Hinderstein, Board President