

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 17, 2011

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Robert Nelson, Steve Bergman, Jason Schmeski, Doug VanDolah, Lisa House and Neal Pendergrass. Administrators, media and other guests were also present. Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

David Lewis and Linnsey Dunavan, 7th grade students from Pinkston Middle School, led in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bergman made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. VanDolah.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to approve the minutes of the February 17th, February 22th and March 2, 2011 Board meetings.

The motion was unanimously approved

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Pinkston Literacy Fair Projects: Mr. Nelson recognized Ms. McWilliams, Principal of Pinkston Middle School, who in turn acknowledged teachers, Ms. Karyn Jones and Ms. Jennifer Drewry. Ms. Jones and Ms. Drewry created the Literacy Fair at Pinkston along the same lines of a science fair. Students were challenged to enter their projects by investigating books. Students were required to draw a literary element from the book they picked and come up with an activity to teach and tie that activity to other content areas. Out of 102 students that entered, 36 awards were given. The First Place winner of Best Overall was Cassie Martin who wasn't able to attend the meeting. Linnsey Dunavan won 2nd Place Best Overall and David Lewis won 3rd Place Best Overall and were recognized by the Board.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist: Dr. Myers recognized Senior Lacy Holleman who was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. One percent of the students in America gain this status. Lacy was presented a framed certificate and a crystal crown award from Dr. Myers and Mr. Nelson.

All-State Band Students: Mr. Chentnik stated that all eleven members of the high school band made All State Band this year. These students are: Holly Pyzska, Marie Kressin, Christine Lee, Ryan Key, Quinn Hill, J.F. Milam, Justin Clouse, Hannah Todd, Jessica Dutton, Michael Xiques and Cade Gatewood.

All State Basketball: Ms. Wood recognized high school basketball players, Nicole Bolt and Katie Kapler, who were recently named on the All-State Girls Basketball team. Ms. Wood stated that the

girls were not only good athletes, but also excel academically. Nicole holds a 4.0 GPA and Katie holds a 3.8.

Youth Art Month: Ms. Kara Morris, art teacher at Hackler Intermediate School, and Ms. Hendrickson, art teacher at the High School, presented Board members with a booklet prepared to recognize outstanding art students. Dr. Myers was presented an original drawing by Senior Jessica Goodwin and Dr. Gigliotti was presented an original drawing by Senior Natnaree Harnmaythee. Those students that donated their artwork for Board members were as follows:

- Gaby Gross – 2nd grade – Ms. Melissa Green, Teacher
- Shawn Watson – 3rd grade, Mr. Clint Pevril, Teacher
- Jonathan Bryce – 4th grade, Ms. Kara Morris, Teacher
- Avery Hodges – 7th grade, Mr. Steve Hargett, Teacher
- Olivia Dyer – 9th grade, Ms. Christy Lawrence, Teacher
- Hannah Blevins – 10th grade, Ms. Marion Hendrickson, Teacher
- Lacy Holleman – 12th grade, Ms. Beth Ivens, Teacher

REPORTS

Financial Reports– Ann Harned

Ms. Ann Harned, Business Manager, referred Board members to page IIA for the Statement of Changes in Fund Balance ending February 28, 2011. The month ended with total fund balances of \$11,777,282.17. Ms. Harned stated the District recently received approximately \$65,000.00 in a software settlement from Microsoft which was deposited in the operating fund.

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the month ended February 28, 2011. Current revenues and incoming transfers are the Teacher Salary Fund \$1,134,131.04, Operating Fund \$1,393,105.62, Building Fund \$4,484.67, Federal Grants Fund \$265,371.58 and Food Service Fund \$125,980.60 for a total current revenues and incoming transfers of \$2,923,073.51. Expenditures and outgoing transfers in the current column are Teacher Salary Fund \$1,134,131.04, Operating Fund \$2,165,498.23, Building Fund \$710,025.42, Federal Grants Fund \$203,961.50, and Food Service Fund \$147,524.33 for a total current expenditures and outgoing transfers of \$4,361,140.52.

Ms. Harned went over the Changes in Activity Funds for the month ended February 28, 2011. Ms. Harned stated that the healthy increase to the Kindergarten activity fund came from a contribution from Wal-mart and General Mills (box tops). Ms. Harned also went over the Summary of Bond Issue since July 1, 2008. Mr. Nelson asked for questions or comments from the Board. There were none.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Richard Padget Award Modifications – David Hirsch, CPPC Chairman

Mr. Nelson recognized David Hirsch, the chairman of the Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC). Mr. Hirsch stated that the current Richard Padget Award is given to the classified person in the district that shows the qualities that Mr. Padget showed every day going extra miles for our school district. Since this award is the classified equivalent of the Teacher of the Year award, the CPPC would like to propose a change to the selection process

of the award recipient that more closely follows that of the Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Hirsch recommended that the Board approve the selection process approved by the CPPC which is specifically as follows:

Nominations will be sent to the CPPC and one individual per department (i.e. Food Service, Clerical, etc.) will be determined by the number of nominations received. If two employees in the same department receive the same amount of nominations then a secret ballot vote will take place within that department. When the nominations are secured a committee made up of two classified and three community people will screen the nominations and narrow the field to three finalists. The committee will interview the three finalists and name a winner by May 10th.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RICHARD PADGET AWARD MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to approve the modifications to the selection process for the Richard Padget Award as presented by Mr. Hirsch.

The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE AND BOARD DISCUSSION– Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers said that he was somewhat euphoric tonight after seeing all the great things that students are doing in our District. It's always good to have such positive things going on.

Mr. Pendergrass commented that several Board members attended a good meeting in Little Rock March 3rd through the 5th. A lot was said about technology. We need to continue to look at technology more aggressively than we have in the past and see how we can move toward a totally wireless district.

A break was taken at 6:36 p.m.

Executive Session Results 9:35 p.m.

Recommendation on Classified Staff – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve recommendations as listed on the classified staff sheet.

Motion on Classified Staff

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to accept the recommendations of Dr. Myers as listed on the classified staff sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendations on Certified Staff – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve recommendations as listed on the certified staff sheet to include the re-hire of certified staff as listed.

Motion to Re-Hire Administrators and Specialists – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Ms. House made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strider, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of certified staff and to include the rehire of those certified staff as listed.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Robert Nelson, President

Ben Strider, Secretary