

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board  
October 14, 2013**

The directors of the board met on the above date at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, School Administration Building, 200 West Oak Street with Vicky Dobson presiding. Other directors present were Wayne Gibson, Renee Skinner, Keith Smith, and Will Vance. Director Susan Turbeville and Todd Whatley were absent. Also attending was Supt. Bob Watson, Jim Tucker, Shirley Billingly, Rhonda Simmons, Bonnie Haynie, Angie Drummond, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Dobson called the meeting to order and stated the first item of business was reorganization of the school board. She stated the office of president was the first item. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:00 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Renee Skinner as president of the board.

On a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Keith Smith, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:01 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Wayne Gibson as vice president of the board.

On a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:01 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Lou Ann Voris as board secretary.

On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:02, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves Michelle "Shelley" Pruitt as board treasurer.

Mrs. Skinner stated the next item of business was to elect a designated disbursing officer and alternate disbursing officer for the district in accordance with Act 671 of 2003. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:05 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the board president, Renee Skinner, as the designated disbursing officer and vice president, Wayne Gibson, as the alternate disbursing officer for the El Dorado School District.

A Petition for Transfer Request was approved by the board for one student to transfer to Parkers Chapel School District.

Mrs. Skinner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held September 10 and 27. It was noted that a correction the September 10 minutes was needed. Those minutes will be corrected to show the change. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Keith Smith, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes were approved at 7:08 p.m.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment at 7:15 p.m. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Mrs. Skinner introduced the Student of the Month, Vicky Zhu. She stated that Vicky is in the third grade and the daughter of Yon Shuang Zhu and Qiong Lin. Vicky begins each day with a genuine, sweet smile and good attitude that she keeps all day long. She has a strong work ethic and goes above and beyond when required. Vicky is interested in

all subjects and loves to learn new things. She is kind and helpful to everyone and all students love to be around her at school.

Vicky entered kindergarten at Hugh Goodwin in February of 2010. When she came to Hugh Goodwin she spoke no English. She has blossomed since starting school. Last year as a second grader, Vicky had over 200 Accelerated Reading points and mastered over 400 objectives in the Accelerated Math program. She has become such a strong student and a pleasure to teach every day. She is a great role model and friend to fellow students. Mrs. Skinner presented Vicky with a certificate from the board. 7:16 p.m.

Mrs. Skinner stated that Brecken Perry is Classified Employee of the Month for Technology. Mrs. Perry has been in the district since October 2007 as an APSCN/Tech Coordinator at Barton Jr. High School. Those nominating Mrs. Perry stated that she steps up to help anyone at any time and does so with energy and willingness in whatever the project is. If she doesn't know the answer – she finds out! She takes time with students and becomes involved when needed. Fellow co-workers rely on her expertise and computer skills. Her principal, Sherry Hill stated Mrs. Perry has developed a great rapport with students and staff. She was hired as APSCN Technology Coordinator but has become so much more. Mrs. Hill said, "I've said it before, I don't know how we would run the school with her!" Mrs. Skinner presented Mrs. Perry with a certificate from the board. 7:17 p.m.

Mrs. Skinner presented Teacher of the Month from Hugh Goodwin, Jane Doyle. Mrs. Doyle received her Bachelor of Science degree in special education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She came to our district with three years experience and has worked a total of nine years here at Yocum, Union, and now Hugh Goodwin.

Fellow co-workers nominating Mrs. Doyle stated as a special education teacher she is hard working, patient, kind, and intelligent – all great character traits for a teacher. She arrives at school early in order to help, not only her special education students, but any student who needs help with assignments or Accelerated Reading tests. Mrs. Doyle hardly ever sits down during the day and is always willing to fill in for someone out sick or busy with meetings. She is a great sounding board for fellow educators. She listens to comments and concerns and tries to help by offering great solutions. Mrs. Doyle models leadership skills to her students by being an outstanding leader at Hugh Goodwin. She sets a very accurate example of what a total teacher should be. She understands special needs and how to adjust for each child's goals. Mrs. Skinner presented her with a certificate from the board. 7:18 p.m.

Mrs. Skinner introduced Teacher of the Month from Murrell, Sheila Russell. Mrs. Russell received her Bachelor of Science degree at Southern Arkansas University, has twenty-four graduate hours, and is currently working on her Master's degree. She began her career in our district and has twenty-five years of teaching elementary and middle school students.

Those nominating Mrs. Russell stated she keeps the students on task with minimal discipline issues. Students and teachers have respect for her and her teaching ability. She is friendly and has a good rapport with all. Her principal, Doyle Woodall stated she gets the students to do their best and they respect her. She calls parents daily about the good things the students do and also when they need to mind better and work harder. It is also commendable that Mrs. Russell makes home visits. Mrs. Skinner presented her with a certificate from the board. 7:19 p.m.

Angie Drummond presented the Amending Resolution Concerning the Issuance and Delivery of Bonds. She stated the state is asking school districts to pay bonds fifteen days before the due dates. She explained the district usually pays bonds thirty days before their due date, which is already complying with the amendment. She said if districts pay bonds fifteen days prior to the due date, it will improve the state's overall bond rating. After some discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Keith Smith and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:25 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the Amending Resolution Concerning the Issuance and Delivery of Bonds as presented.

Mr. Watson stated bids were received on fencing at Washington Middle School to improve safety. The fencing would be placed in the front of the school between the main building and the library and along the back side of the campus.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
El Dorado Roofing Company, El Dorado	\$105,201.00
JMD Construction Services, N. Little Rock	114,700.00
Southern General Construction, Fountain Hill	132,500.00

After some discussion and on a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:30 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$105,201.00 from El Dorado Roofing Company for fencing at Washington Middle School.

Bonnie Haynie presented to the board the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan report. Mrs. Haynie said the ACSIP plan lists money received by the district and how those funds are used to comply with laws and educate students. The twenty page report lists overall goals of focusing on student engagement, implementing Common Core State Standards and teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century skills so all students in the district will become college and/or career ready in a safe learning environment. She explained that some Title I federal funds are set aside to be used for identified homeless students in the district – a number which has tripled from last year – students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. She said most students identified as homeless are currently living with others.

Mrs. Haynie also explained that by a federal law requirement, the district must contact private schools in the district to determine if they would like to participate in the public school's Title I programs. She stated that no private schools in Union county or contiguous counties have requested the district's services. 7:35 p.m.

Shirley Billingly presented the district's job descriptions for district employees as required by state law and asked for the board's vote of approval. Covered in the description areas were administrative, teaching, health, technology, clerical, other, transportation, and maintenance. After some discussion and on a motion by Vicky Dobson, seconded by Will Vance, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 7:36 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the district's job descriptions for licensed and classified staff as presented.

Mrs. Skinner said the board's noon visits to the schools start in October. Mr. Watson stated in the past the board has most often chosen Tuesday and sometimes Thursday for school visits. Mr. Smith stated the only day he is in town is Friday. Board members agreed to give visits on Friday a try and see how that works. 7:38 p.m.

Mrs. Skinner reminded board members that the Arkansas School Boards Association's Region 13 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Magnolia School District on October 28 at the Magnolia High School cafeteria, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Also, the ASBA Annual Conference will be December 11 – 13 in Little Rock. 7:40 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Will Vance, and carried on a 5-0 vote at 8:20 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the superintendent's recommendations concerning the acceptance of resignations and the employment of new personnel.

After a time of discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Will Vance, and carried on a 5-0 vote 9:25 p.m., it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the payment of remaining vacation days to Angie Drummond.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.