

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board  
June 11, 2012**

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, Larry Holder, Renee Skinner, Susan Turbeville, and Todd Whatley. Director Will Vance entered following the second item of business. Also in attendance were Supt. Bob Watson, Rhonda Simmons, Shirley Billingly, Tim Zylks, Angie Drummond, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Dobson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held May 10 and 14. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Todd Whatley, and carried on a 6-0 vote, the minutes were approved.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 6-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Carey Smith, the district's financial advisor with Stephens, Inc., spoke with the board about the resale of two bonds pertaining to the new high school. He noted that lower interest rates on the 2007 and 2008 bonds will save the district more than two million dollars and stated a timely fluctuation in the bond market will be to the district's benefit. He considered reissuing the bonds in March but an unfavorable fluctuation convinced him to wait for a better interest rate. Several weeks later he tried again and the time was right to re-issue. Board members signed a resolution to refinance the bonds and a post issuance compliance policy, as required by the Internal Revenue Service to refinance the bonds. The board expressed appreciation to Mr. Watson and Mr. Smith for staying on top of the activity in the market and bonds.

Angie Drummond brought before the board the proposed budget of expenditures for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. Salary fund expenditures for 2012-13 are projected to be \$18,503,489 with operating fund expenditures in instructional expense of \$6,372,190, maintenance and operation of \$3,181,603, pupil transportation of \$1,467,909, other operating expenses projected to be \$3,848,610. For the 2013-2014 estimate the salary fund expenditures at \$18,873,558, with the operating fund expenditures of \$6,499,633, maintenance and operation of \$3,245,235, pupil transportation of \$1,497,267, other operating expenses \$3,925,582 and debt service expenditures \$1,577,993. Mrs. Drummond stated the district total mills school tax is 33.50. She noted that, as required by law, this will be posted in the legal section of the local newspaper sixty days prior to the annual school election. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Will Vance, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the proposed budget of expenditures for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. A copy will be included in the board minutes book.

Mrs. Drummond also visited with the board about the insurance bid received for building, contents, fleet coverage, and board liability for 2012-13. She said the only bid received for building and contents was Arkansas School Boards Association for \$103,017. One bid was received for fleet coverage from the Arkansas School Boards Association for \$32,786. Also, the one bid received for board liability, errors and omissions was from Hoffman-Henry Insurance for \$12,092. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Larry Holder, seconded by Todd Whatley, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$103,017 from the ASBA for building and contents insurance, the bid for fleet coverage for \$32,786 from ASBA, and board liability, errors and omissions bid from Hoffman-Henry Insurance for \$12,092 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Sara Finnell presented the bids for milk, bread, and groceries for the upcoming school year. She explained the board members had packets from the companies that bid and

noted the lowest bids are indicated in yellow. She and Mr. Watson recommended the lowest in each section. Those recommended were: milk bid – Coleman, bread bid – IBC, and grocery bid – Ben E. Keith, PFG, Sysco, Tankersley, U. S. Foods, Fuqua, and Wallace, each having the lowest bid in their section of groceries. After some discussion and on a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves of the bids for milk, bread, and groceries as presented.

Phillip Lansdell presented the athletic budget for the 2012-2013 school year. He noted the \$138,149 budget is for twelve sport programs. Gate receipts for the 2011-2012 school year totaled \$109,383 which will defray most of the cost, leaving the district with a \$28,766 balance, Mr. Lansdell said. He said the district contributes \$37 for each of its 762 student athletes. After some discussion and on a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Todd Whatley, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the district athletic budget for 2012-2013 as presented.

Mr. Lansdell reported on the following bids received for athletic/activities and voluntary student insurance coverage:

Health Special Risk, Inc., Commerce, Texas

- Athletic: \$13,290.00
- Student: School time \$25.00      24 hour coverage \$94.00

K & K Insurance, Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Athletic: \$14,200.00
- Student: School time \$33.00      24 hour coverage \$122.00

Dwight Jones Agency, Nashville, Arkansas

- Athletic: \$17,833.00
- Student: School time \$34.00      24.00 hour coverage \$113.00

Mr. Watson and Mr. Lansdell recommended the bid of \$13,290.00 for the athletic and activities coverage from Health Special Risk, Inc. and Health Special Risk, Inc. for the voluntary student coverage with bids for school time coverage of \$25.00 and 24 hour coverage of \$94.00. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$13,290.00 from Health Special Risk, Inc. for athletic and activities coverage and Health Special Risk, Inc.'s bid for the voluntary student coverage for school time coverage of \$25.00 and 24 hours coverage of \$94.00.

Mr. Watson spoke with the board about several policies that he would like for them to consider and vote on in an upcoming called board meeting. He reminded the board that a discipline policies review committee met for several months and reviewed the student handbook and recommended that Mr. Watson visit with the board about the following proposals, changes, or additions. Those included a cell phone or communication device policy, a policy on use and selling of drugs, and an iPad protection plan. Mr. Watson asked that board members review these recommendations for vote in a called meeting. He also said that there was discussion whether to reappoint a school uniform committee and that will be reviewed with the board in the fall.

Mr. Watson and Jim Tucker visited with the board about a proposed new seventh and ninth grade pilot learning environment. Mr. Tucker said he has eighty repeat ninth graders and would like to choose fifteen for the pilot program. They plan to place seventh and ninth graders in the program at the high school in the alternative area and have the primary focus in math and literacy. Teachers will go to the students at their location and the students will have daily counseling. Mr. Tucker said these are not

necessarily low kids but are the sometimes non-performing students. He mentioned this is an intervention for those that often get promoted on and to help them not get in that shape. Mr. Watson said a vote of support is needed for this program. After some discussion and on a motion by Todd Whatley, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the pilot seventh and ninth grade learning environment program at El Dorado High School.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.