

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
July 11, 2011**

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 Joey Bauman, Wayne Gibson, Larry Holder, Renee Skinner, Susan Turbeville, and Will Vance. Also in attendance were Supt. Bob Watson, Rhonda Simmons, Shirley Billingly, Bonnie Haynie, Angie Drummond, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Dobson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held June 13. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the minutes were approved.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Joey Bauman, seconded by Renee Skinner, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Angie Drummond spoke with the board about the end of year financial report and transfer of funds. In the financial report for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 she reported a beginning cash balance in the Teacher Salary and General Operating funds of \$2,345,548.74, an ending cash balance in those funds of \$2,351,880.85 and legal balance with 40% pullback of \$3,646,799.72. She said that local revenue includes \$8,928,789.56, current property; \$1,004,915.99, property tax relief; \$1,093,899.88, 40% pull back property tax; \$691,831.33, delinquent taxes; \$358,883.66, excess commissions, and \$380,567.55, severance tax, for total local revenue of \$12,458,887.97.

Mrs. Drummond said that state revenue includes \$18,069,325.00 in state foundation funds and \$116,939.00 – 98% property tax for total state revenue of \$18,186,264.00 and total revenue of \$30,645,151.97. Expenditures include \$16,085,273.41, Teacher Salary fund; \$12,480,996.66, General Operating fund; transfer from general Operating to Debt Service, \$2,072,549.79, for total expenditures of \$30,638,819.86. In the Teacher Salary and General Operating (unrestricted) funds, she reported a beginning cash balance of \$237,441.45, total revenue of \$290,377.53, total expenditures of \$294,219.37 for an ending cash balance, Teacher Salary and General Operating of \$233,599.61.

Mrs. Drummond listed ending cash balances of \$932,004.52 in the Building Fund (regular), \$1,442,622.06 in the EHS Facilities Partnership, \$409,843.99 in the Current Expenditure Fund and \$268,839.55 in Federal Funds. In Federal Stimulus dollars, she said the district has spent most of the money they have received, with an ending cash balance of \$.41 in Title I Stimulus. The ending cash balance in the IDEA Special Education Stimulus is \$35,202.57 and she said that money will be used for work at Northwest Elementary. The Cafeteria Fund has an ending cash balance of \$567,185.31. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the end of year financial report for 2010-2011 as presented.

In looking at the three transfer requests, Mrs. Drummond said those are from Operating to Debt Service, \$2,072,549.79; from Operating to Teacher Salary, \$16,085,273.41 and from Operating to Unrestricted General, \$2,351,880.85. 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 three transfer requests from Operating to Debt Service, \$2,072,549.79; from Operating to Teacher Salary, \$16,085,273.41 and from Operating to Unrestricted General, \$2,351,880.85.

Mr. Watson reminded the board that in last month's board meeting Lane Davis made a request to restore the original lyrics of the El Dorado High School Alma Mater. This came about since the new high school has columns in front of the school, like the original

high school. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the line in the El Dorado High School Alma Mater to change from 'never wavering in our spirit' and return to 'here beneath her towering columns.' A copy of the new alma mater will be included in the school board minutes book.

Geni Smith visited with the board about updating School Board Policies to align with recent changes in state law and the Arkansas School Boards Policy Service recommendations. Some of the topics Mrs. Smith covered were: board member training hours, student absences, student dress, and cell phones. Mr. Watson also elaborated on some of these items and answered questions. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Larry Holder, seconded by Joey Bauman, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the district School Board Policies as presented.

Bonnie Haynie spoke with the board about needed updates to the district's Discipline Handbook for 2011-2012. She covered the items needed for change or additions. After some discussion and on a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Renee Skinner, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the District Discipline Handbook for 2011-2012 as presented.

Mrs. Haynie presented to the board the district's Professional Development Plan. She stated a committee met multiple times to update ways to keep staff abreast of best practices, state updates, student centered information, technology updates, and parent training. She also informed the board of recent information on heat exhaustion practices put into place before the students return for athletic practices and games. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Joey Bauman, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the district's Professional Development Plan.

Shirley Billingly stated the district is fully staffed for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. She said of the four hundred thirty certified employees all are highly qualified with the exception of three who are working on being certified in other areas. She said they need some coursework and testing to become highly qualified. The district has hired forty-five new teachers, accepted forty-one resignations for retirement, personal reasons, to relocate, or for transfers. Mrs. Billingly reported that forty-two certified transfer requests were received in the district and twenty-seven transfers were granted. For the upcoming school year, employees were hired for six new positions, including one director of the Ninth Grade Academy at the new El Dorado High School, one director of instructional technology, one elementary position, and three speech pathologists.

Mrs. Dobson gave the following announcements: EHS Dedication and Grand Opening, Thursday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 30 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, New Teacher Breakfast, Friday, August 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the El Dorado Golf and Country Club, and Opening Session for Certified Staff will be Monday, August 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the E. H. S. Fine Arts Auditorium.

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 Renee Skinner, 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.