

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
February 9, 2009**

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 Susan Turbeville presiding. Other directors present were Joey Bauman, Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Renee Skinner, and Will Vance. Director Larry Holder entered the meeting prior to the last two items of business. Also attending the board meeting was Supt. Bob Watson, Rhonda Simmons, Shirley Billingly, Bonnie Haynie, Tim Zylks, Don Thompson, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Turbeville asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held January 15 and January 25. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Vicky Dobson, 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 Joey Bauman, seconded by Will Vance, 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.

Mrs. Turbeville stated that Chloe Richard is Student of the Month. Chloe is a fourth grade student at Hugh Goodwin Academy for the Arts. She is the daughter of Forrest and April Richard and in Mrs. Gennette Graham's classroom. Mrs. Graham said that Chloe is an intelligent fourth grader with an outgoing personality. She is self-motivated and always strives to do her best. Her principal, Mr. Phillip Lansdell said that Chloe is a very respectful and responsible person. She is always smiling and displays a sweet disposition. We share a common interest, he said. We both enjoy hunting big bucks!

Chloe enjoys playing with her brother, Austin, riding her four-wheeler, and playing soccer. One of the things she likes about Hugh Goodwin is all of the work that she gets to do in class. Hugh Goodwin staff and students are proud that Chloe was chosen Student of the Month. Mrs. Turbeville presented Chloe with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Turbeville introduced Jean Benton as the Classified Employee of the Month from the paraprofessional staff. She stated that this is Mrs. Benton's twenty-first year working as a paraprofessional in the district and her second year at Washington Middle School. One fellow worker nominating Mrs. Benton stated that she is the bright spot in their day. She loves her job and it shows. She cares for the students and her fellow workers. Another said that her happy personality is contagious. Her principal, Mrs. Vines said that Mrs. Benton works diligently to assist a student with special needs and does a great job with communication between the student's parents and others. Mrs. Turbeville presented Mrs. Benton with a certificate from the board.

Classified Employee of the Month from the technology department is David Campbell. Mrs. Turbeville said that Mr. Campbell is one of the district's information technicians and began working in that capacity in 2003. Those nominating him stated that he is a great guy to work around. He has innovative ideas, is courteous to those he works with, and never makes you feel inferior whenever you have a problem with your computer.

Karen Jones said the first thing she would say about David is that he responds to situations with a very cool head. He thinks through the problem and considers the options before jumping in. He is willing to help people understand what he is doing and why. David wants to work through problems so that staff can get the most out of their computer and network in order that they may be as productive as possible. He is quick to respond to people whenever they have problems and attempts to handle the situation as quickly as possible. He is friendly, always has a smile on his face, and very patient when helping anyone having difficulty with a computer. Mrs. Turbeville presented Mr. Campbell with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Turbeville said that Teacher of the Month is Clara Williams. Mrs. Williams received her Bachelors in Science and Masters degrees in Early Childhood from Grambling State University. This is her eleventh year of teaching with nine of those

years in the El Dorado School District. She teaches at Murril Educational Center with the at risk students in grades 2 – 4. Fellow teachers nominating Mrs. Williams state that she is a teacher that knows her material. Teaching a multi-grade classroom can be very challenging but Mrs. Williams meets the challenge. Her students are expected to put forth their best efforts as they study throughout the day. She goes above and beyond trying to instill in her students what they will need for the next grade level. Her principal, Mr. Woodall said that Mrs. Williams has a difficult job teaching her at risk students. She works well with her peers and is very cooperative. Mrs. Turbeville presented Mrs. Williams with a certificate from the board.

Rhonda Simmons presented the Foreign Language Textbook Adoption. Mrs. Simmons stated the Foreign Language Textbook Adoption Committee met on December 9, the Citizens Textbook Committee also reviewed the materials and textbooks. The committee is recommending the following to the board:

| <u>Language</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Textbook</u> | <u>Company</u> |
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| French | K - 4 | Vive la francois! | Wright Group |
| | 5 – 12 | Oral Language Builder | Wright Group |
| | AP Language | Interaction Supplemental: Energie 4 | Thompson-Heinle Santillana |
| German | 9 – 12 | Deutsche Aktuell | EMC |
| Spanish | K – 4 | Bravo! Bravo! Oral Language Builder | Santillana Wright Group |
| | 5 – 12 | Realidades | Pearson-Prentice Hall |
| | AP Language | Abriendo Paso Lectura | Prentice Hall |
| | | Abriendo Paso Grammatica Supplemental: A toda Vela | Pearson-Prentice Hall EMC |
| <u>Language</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Textbook</u> | <u>Company</u> |
| | 5-12 | Encuentros Maravillosos Supplemental: Abriendo puertas I & II | Pearson-Prentice Hall McDougal Littell |
| | AP Literature | | |

On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Joey Bauman, and carried on a 6-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the foreign language textbook adoption as presented.

Mr. Watson gave the board an update on the new high school. He said final plans for construction of the new high school were approved by the state. In fact, quite possibly in record time – about one and a half weeks – instead of the estimated four to six weeks. The first payment of the construction bonds for the new school, \$718,000.00, was made. Mr. Watson said the district has already bid for the dirt work at the site. The city officials have said projects to widen Timberland and redirect traffic on Parnell Road for the new school will be completed by the end of this year.

Mr. Watson stated that he met with Carey Smith with Stephens, Inc. and was told there are several things the board must do and in a timely manner to meet Internal Revenue Service regulations. Mr. Watson said the board needs to pass a resolution showing our compliance and procedure in protecting the tax-free status of bonds sold. He noted we must also develop a policy manual. These two things will document every phase of the new high school construction and all items including purchase orders, copies of checks, state reimbursement documents, bonded debt payments and the schedule for payments, every certificate of deposit and interest and any and all items dealing with construction of the new school will be kept until the bond issue is paid off plus three years, or thirty years.

Mr. Watson noted the district also has to list a position that will be responsible for maintaining all the records in one location and hire a certified public accountant every year to assure the federal government that the district is not collecting any interest on the tax-exempt bonds issued for construction of the new high school. After some discussion and on a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 6-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, The board hereby approves the post issuance compliance resolution and manual showing compliance and procedure in protecting the tax-free status of bonds sold.

Mr. Watson asked the board to consider his recommendation that the seventh and eighth grade classes at Union School become a part of Barton Junior High School next year. He said currently there are only eleven eighth grade students at Union and thirteen seventh graders. In 2007, there were one hundred thirteen students in grades five through eight at Union and that number dropped to seventy-four students in 2008. He noted there are more activities at Barton and the district is committed to providing the best we can for seventh and eighth grade students. He said the district needs to create more opportunities for students and in these tough economic times we have to also look at our resources. Mr. Watson said this will not mean any loss in jobs and explained there will be no more than four or five positions affected by the move and every year the district hires new employees. He asked for the board's consideration and vote in the March board meeting.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters and 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, the employment of new personnel and the re-employment of the district's administrative staff.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.