

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board  
March 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, Larry Holder, Renee Skinner, and Will Vance. Also attending was Supt. Bob Watson, Rhonda Simmons, Shirley Billingly, Don Thompson, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Turbeville asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held February 9, 10, 12, 23, and 27. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Vicky Dobson, 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 Larry Holder, seconded by Joey Bauman, 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.

Mrs. Turbeville introduced Marshall Coan as the Student of the Month. She said that Marshall is the daughter of Rusty and Chae Coan and a fifth grader at Union. She has a sister, Meredith and two brothers Ryan and Brooks. Marshall's favorite subject is art. She loves animals of all kinds but especially dogs, horses, and cats. She has two dogs that she loves and cares for – Mocha and Molly. Marshall is on the Lady Tigers Upward Bound basketball team and currently is working on her Bronze Girl Scout's pin and badge. Her project for that is recycling paper which she is working with the teachers at Union to do.

Mrs. Heaberlin states that Marshall is a wonderful student who is very diligent about her work. Ms Wetherington stated that Marshall always comes to class with a smile on her face. She has a great attitude about school and is always willing to help her classmates, teachers, and friends. Mrs. Bounds said that Marshall is ready to go the extra mile whenever it comes to school work. Her principals, Mrs. Overturf said that Marshall is dependable, is always willing to help out in any way that she can, and is well liked by her classmates. Mrs. Turbeville presented Marshall with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Turbeville presented Lela Dixson as the Teacher of the Month. She stated that Mrs. Dixson received her Bachelors of Science degree in social studies and English from Mississippi Industrial College, and twelve graduate hours and certification in special education from Ouachita Baptist University. This is her fifteenth year of teaching special education in our district.

Those nominating Mrs. Dixson stated that she goes above and beyond to reach each of her students. She works with alternative students at Murnil Educational Center and is just an all around professional teacher. She deals with all grade levels and strives to place that child back into the classroom as the average or above average student. Mrs. Turbeville presented her with a certificate from the board

Rhonda Simmons brought before the board the following recommendation for textbook adoption for career guidance, general cooperative education, workplace readiness, marketing skills, and introduction to finance for grades 6-9 and 9-12.

El Dorado High School:

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Fashion Marketing and Merchandise	Goodheart – Wilcox
Marketing Essentials	Glencoe
Business Communications, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Cengage
Century 21 Accounting – General Journal, 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Cengage
Century 21 Accounting – Advances, 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Cengage
A Guide to Microsoft Office 2007	Lawrenceville Press
Adobe Dreamweaver CS3	Cengage
Digital Multimedia	Cengage

Business Math	Cengage
Digital Desktop Publishing	Cengage
The Office: Procedures and Technology	Cengage
Working Smart	Cengage
Advertising and Integrated Brand Promotions, 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Cengage
Entrepreneurship: Ideas in Action, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Cengage
Integrated Chinese	Cheng - Tsui Co., Inc.

Barton Jr. High School:

<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Century 21 Jr. Input Technologies & Computer Application	Cengage
Investigating Your Career	Cengage

On a motion by Larry Holder, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

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

Mrs. Simmons presented bids received for fifty computers that will be replacing those in the high school lab and through out the school. Minimum specification: Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.2 GHZ, Microsoft Vista Business, 2 GB DDR 2 RAM, 80 GB hard drive, dual layer DVD-RW, Optical mouse (PS 2 connection – not USB), standard keyboard (PS2 connection – not USB, PXE capable on board NIC, 1 y7ear warranty, 20” LCD monitor with three year warranty.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Global Computers	\$550.00	\$27,500.00
Dell Computers/I.S. Corporation	582.00	29,100.00
Howard Technologies	731.00	36,550.00
Micro PC	733.00	36,650.00

The recommendation is the low bid from Global Computers for \$27,500.00. 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 low bid of \$27,500.00 from Global Computers as presented for fifty computers for El Dorado High School lab and throughout.

Mrs. Simmons also presented the bids received for fifty computers that will be replacing older ones in the elementary schools. Specifications are: Windows Vista Business, ATX, BTX, MATX, mid tower, micro tower, or desktop, 2 – 5.25 drive bays, 1 – 3.5 drive bays, 1 PCI X1 Express Slots, 1 PCI Express X1 Slots, 1 PCI Express X 16 Slots, 1 PCI Express X 16 Slots, 2 PCI Express Slots, 2 Expansion Slots, GPU/VPU – Direct X 10 hardware compliant, 6 USB ports, 1 LAN ports, 1 microphone jack, 1 audio out jack, Intel processor, Pentium dual core processor class, E2200 processor number, Socket LGA 775 processor interface, DDR2 memory, 4.0GB total memory, DDR2 800 (PC2-6400) memory speed, SATA II interface, 250GB capacity, 7,200 rpm speed, DVD-ROM optical drive type, 350 watt power, Logitech or Microsoft optical wheel USB mouse, Microsoft or Logitech USB 104 key standard keyboard. Minimum specs for student monitors standard aspect ration, 17” screen condition 1 screen size, widescreen aspect ration, 19” condition 2 screen size, 16.7 million display colors, VGA input video signal, 800:1 contrast ration, 350 cd/m2 brightness, 5 ms response time, 170 degrees horizontal viewing angle, 160 degrees vertical viewing angle, 1280 x 1024 condition 1 maximum resolution, 1440 x 900 condition 2 maximum resolution, VESA mounting compliant.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Dell Computers/I.S. Corporation	\$603.00	\$30,150.00
Global Computers	614.99	31,149.50
Howard Technologies	679.00	33,950.00

The recommendation is the low bid from Dell Computers. On a motion by Larry Holder, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$30,150.00 from Dell Computers, as presented, for fifty computers for the elementary schools.

Larry Walters presented the 2009 – 2010 District Calendar for the board's consideration. He noted that the proposed calendar meets all requirements concerning student contact days and staff development hours. He mentioned that state lawmakers were considering requiring all school districts in the state to observe the same week for Spring Break, but the proposal did not pass in the current legislative session. This year in El Dorado, spring break is March 23 – 27. Mr. Walters said that 212 of the 238 school districts in the state already observe the same week for spring break. He said lawmakers are also considering moving back the day districts can begin the school year which would possibly move it to August 12. The starting date on the proposed 2009 – 2010 calendar is August 19. Mr. Walters said if lawmakers set an earlier date for district to start the school year, he may come back to the board to suggest an earlier starting date as close to August 12 as possible. He explained that currently, the first semester is ten days shorter than the second semester. Mr. Watson said changing the date for the first day of the school year would be an option left up to individual districts. Mr. Watson asked for the board's consideration and vote in the April board meeting.

Mr. Watson reminded the board that he brought before them the consideration of making Union School a campus for students in grades kindergarten through six beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. He reminded the board that currently there are thirteen seventh graders and twenty-one enrolled in the sixth grade at Union. When students complete the sixth grade at Union, sports and other activities are not there, he said. Enrollment numbers drop dramatically between the sixth and seventh grades at Union and due to increased academics and athletics offered at Barton. Wayne Gibson asked if seventh and eighth grade staff members at Union could be absorbed in another area in the district. Mr. Watson said the district hires from thirty five to fifty new teachers every school year and the change at Union will not mean any loss in jobs. 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 making Union School a campus for students in grades kindergarten through six beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Watson said the ground breaking ceremony for the new high school will be March 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the site.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Joey Bauman, seconded by Vicky Dobson, 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 certified personnel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.