

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board  
January 8, 2007**

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 Larry Holder presiding. Other directors present were Joey Bauman, Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Teresa Swint, and Susan Turbeville. Will Vance entered following the first item of business. Also attending the board meeting was Supt. Bob Watson, Dr. James Fouse, Shirley Billingly, Don Thompson, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mr. Holder called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting held December 11 and December 15. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, 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 Larry Holder, seconded by Susan Turbeville, 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.

Three petitions for transfer were approved for students to attend school in another district.

Mr. Holder said the Student of the Month from Retta Brown is Cecilia Castro. Cecilia is the daughter of Margarites and Carmen Castro and a fourth grader in Mrs. McAdams classroom. Mrs. McAdams said that Cecilia is a joy to have in the classroom because she always greets everyone with a smile and has a consistent positive attitude. Cecilia is the student all teachers love because her work is always done on time, she gets along with others, has excellent listening skills, and offers help willingly when needed. She has volunteered her time to help teachers and students, and was involved in an after school project to create a video for her school. If Cecilia had a dime for every pencil she has sharpened for her teachers, she'd be a millionaire. She possesses the fine qualities that will take her anywhere she desires to go. Retta Brown is proud that Cecilia is a Student of the Month. Mr. Holder presented her with a certificate from the board.

Student of the Month from Union is Kennedy Webb. Kennedy is the daughter of Terry and Kristi Webb and a fourth grade student in Mrs. Tribble's classroom. Her hobbies include playing intramural basketball and Awanas at Marrable Hill Chapel Church. She stated that her favorite color is blue, her favorite food is chicken and her favorite place to visit is Dallas, Texas. Kennedy's favorite subject is social studies. Mrs. Tribble notes that Kennedy is a dependable student who strives to make straight A's. She is always in attendance, organized and eager to learn. Kennedy is a good role model for her peers and her classmates admire her as an exemplary student. Union's staff and students are proud that Kennedy Webb is one of the Students of the Month. Mr. Holder presented her with a certificate from the board.

Dorinda Stephens is the Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Stephens came to work for the district in August 2004 as a teacher's aide at Union School and is currently the computer lab instructor. Her principal and those nominating her stated that Dorinda Stephens is a person that everyone wants to be around. The students love her, the parents love her and the staff loves her, too. She is kind, caring and compassionate. She often thinks of others and how she might help them.

Dorinda is the type of person that volunteers to do what is needed. She isn't afraid to "roll-up" her sleeves and do what is needed to get things done; I have yet to see her back down from a challenge. She enjoys her job and it shows in the work that she does. Mrs. Overturf said that Dorinda is an asset to the district and I am proud to have her as a member of the Union staff. Mr. Holder presented her with a certificate from the board.

Don Thompson presented the board liability insurance submitted by Hoffman Henry Insurance Corporation of \$10,145 for February 1, 2007 – February 1, 2008. He stated that the district will have building and contents and fleet insurance bids come up in July

and hope to have more bidders at that time. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$10,145 for board liability insurance coverage from Hoffman Henry Insurance Corporation.

Karen Jones, district instructional technology trainer and pre-calculus teacher, told board members that last year the El Dorado School District received a \$100,000 technology grant from the state – the largest awarded in Arkansas – and the money has been used to purchase Smart Boards for math classrooms, video cameras, software and computers. Two EAST Lab students, Caleb Redmond and Zack Gates showed board members some ways the grant money is being used. They noted that EAST Lab students are currently working on several projects and they showed excerpts from instructional videos of algebra classes. As the video begins, a student is skating down a pole and then the teacher explains slope and how algebra is used to determine slope. The EAST lab students have filmed the teacher as she explains an equation and showed pictures of other slopes, such as rooftops. Mrs. Jones said students also conduct interviews to gain practical applications and talk with people who use algebraic formulas to determine slope, such as carpenters. Redmond and Gates said students in the multimedia class at EHS are also working to produce the algebra videos, which can be used when teachers are absent, when students are not able to attend classes and for homebound students.

There are three classes of EAST Lab students and about 40 students are enrolled in the program. Redmond said some students are creating a website for the lab, while others are drawing up plans for a new high school building and are interviewing students and teachers to determine what they would like to see at a new high school. Other students are compiling a history of downtown El Dorado and some went to the Union County Animal Protection Society shelter, learned about animals and made presentations at elementary schools in the district to teach children how to care for pets.

Dr. Fouse gave an update regarding the board members request for additional technology. He said that laptops for board members use during board meetings would be available at the next monthly meeting.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Teresa Swint, 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 and the employment of new personnel.

On a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Will Vance, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was,

RESOLVED, That the board hereby extends the employment contract of Bob Watson as superintendent through June 30, 2010, with an annual salary of \$150,000 and the travel allowance to remain the same.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.