

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
April 10, 2006**

The directors of the board met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 West Oak Street, with Will Vance presiding. Other directors present were Wayne Gibson, Teresa Swint, and Susan Turbeville. Directors absent were Joey Bauman, Vicky Dobson, and Larry Holder. Also attending the board meeting was Supt. Bob Watson, Dr. James Fouse, Shirley Billingly, Tim Zylks, Don Thompson, and Lou Ann Voris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting held March 13. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0 vote, the minutes were approved.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. After some discussion and on a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 4-0 vote, the bills were approved for payment. A list of bills paid and monthly financial statement are on file in the business office.

Mr. Vance stated that Ryan White is the Student of the Month. Ryan is a senior at El Dorado High School and lives with his grandmother, Ms. Gloria White. It has been said that Ryan White is a one-man goodwill show on the El Dorado High School campus. As a senior, Ryan has a cumulative grade point average of 2.9574. He works part-time at the Brookshire's on South West Avenue and helps his grandmother who is blind. While Ryan is a good student, he is best known among the teachers and students at E. H. S. for his quick smile, his great sense of humor, and his willingness to help others. Ryan is a member of FBLA, Pride, and is the Wildcat mascot. He was also a member of the Basketball Sweetheart Court. Ryan spends most of his extra time with his grandmother. After graduation, Ryan would like to attend Arkansas State University and complete a M.B.A., but he may postpone his plans for a year or two in order to help his grandmother.

When asked about Ryan's most outstanding qualities, his teachers and classmates said the following: Ryan always has a smile on his face; he always has a kind word for everyone; Ryan just lights up the room; he is the most optimistic person I know; and Ryan just makes you feel better to be around him. Mrs. Haynie said, "Ryan White was the instrumental force in improving African-American scores on last year's E.O.C. Literacy Exam. Ryan stepped forward as a leader, and his positive attitude drew many others to follow his lead. I think Ryan is the best." Mr. Vance presented Ryan with a certificate from the board.

Mr. Vance said that Ruby Sinclair is our Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Sinclair works in the cafeteria at Union School and has been with the district since August 2004. Fellow employees nominating Mrs. Sinclair said that she is a faithful and dedicated worker with a great attitude. She is out-going, has a smile for everyone, and is just a beautiful person inside and out. Mrs. Overturf said that she has never seen Mrs. Sinclair when she did not have a smile on her face. She is the kind of person that is willing to help out, even when she really may not feel like helping. Mrs. Sinclair is dependable and takes pride in her job. Union staff, students and fellow classified employees across the district are proud that Ruby Sinclair is Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Sinclair was not in attendance but will receive a certificate from the board.

Mr. Vance introduced Scott Bounds as the Teacher of the Month. Mr. Bounds received his bachelor and master degrees from Southern Arkansas University. He has eighteen years of teaching experience and teaches English in grades 7 – 12 at Union. Those nominating him stated that he is hard working and teaches with the desire to see students be successful in life. He demonstrates compassion and sincerity in the classroom. Mrs. Overturf said that Mr. Bounds is a teacher that gives it his all. I have yet to ask Mr. Bounds something that he has had the slightest bit of hesitation about doing. He is always willing to help out in any way he can, whether I be another staff member, myself, and or more importantly the students. He can always be depended on to do his part and more. Mr. Bounds is very well liked by the students, gets along great with the parents and is admired by the staff. Mr. Vance presented Mr. Bounds with a certificate from the board.

Steve Shofner presented an update on the Energy Education Program. He stated this is the third year the district has been involved in conserving energy through this program. He explained to the board that through December 2005 the district has experienced a \$212,000 cost avoidance. He noted that the cooperation between staff and Energy Education has been great.

Tim Zylks presented the bid received on office and instructional supplies. He said that invitations were sent to eight companies but only one bid response was received.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
School Specialty Supply	\$14,891.25

Mr. Watson recommended the bid. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$14,891.25 from School Specialty Supply for office and instructional supplies for the district.

Mr. Zylks presented bids on paper for the district for 2006-07. He noted that invitations were sent to eleven companies. The bids received were:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unisource, Texarkana, TX	\$23.45	\$42,210.00
Ikon, Chesterfield, MO	22.15	39,870.00
Ricoh Corp., Uniontown, OH	21.88	38,384.00
Office Depot, Little Rock, AR	21.076*	37,938.00

*The Office Depot bid was figured at 1680 cases at \$21.07 = \$35,397.60 and 120 cases at \$21.17 = \$2,540.40 for a total of \$37,938.00.

Mr. Zylks recommended the bid from Office Depot in the amount of \$37,938.00. On a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$37,938.00 from Office Depot for paper for the 2006-07 school term.

Mr. Zylks presented the following bids to add two buses to the district's fleet:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ward Transportation Services, Conway	\$57,475.00	\$114,950.00
Central States Bus Sales, North Little Rock	57,705.00	115,410.00
Merl's Bus Sales, Van Buren	60,069.00	120,138.00

Mr. Zylks recommended the Blue Bird bus bid from Central States Bus Sales in the amount of \$115,410.00. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the purchase of two Blue Bird buses from Central States Bus Sales for \$115,410.00.

Mr. Watson stated the Arkansas Department of Education now requires the school board to vote on each building project that district personnel self-constructs or to pass a resolution in board minutes that allows school personnel to do the project except when the superintendent and architect recommend bidding to a general contractor. He stated that he needs approval in order for the district to renovate Holy Redeemer School. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the following,

RESOLUTION

On April 10, 2006 the El Dorado School Board resolves that school district maintenance personnel will self-construct district facility projects except for those recommended by the superintendent and architect to bid to a general contractor.

Mr. Watson stated that Rick Arnold received the following on HVAC bids for Yocum K – 1.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ed's Supply Company, El Dorado	\$23,288.00
Carrier, Little Rock	24,438.00
Shelby-Skipwith, Inc., Memphis	24,470.00

Mr. Watson recommended the bid from Ed's Supply. On a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid of \$ 23,288.00 from Ed's Supply Company for HVAC for Yocum K – 1.

Mr. Watson stated that the following lighting bids for Yocum K-1 were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
E & B Electric, El Dorado	\$21,032.88
Wholesale Electric, El Dorado	21,633.27
Marks Supply, Camden	21,664.93
Rexel, El Dorado	21,719.36
Jo El Electric, El Dorado	22,427.47

Mr. Watson recommended the low bid from E & B Electric. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approved the low bid of \$21,032.88 from E & B Electric for the lighting for Yocum K – 1.

Bids were received for asbestos abatement for Yocum K – 1.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
AMAR, LLC, Little Rock	\$11,100.00
Parish Abatement, Donaldson, AR	20,000.00
Snyder Environmental, Morrilton, AR	12,968.00

The recommendation was to go with the low bid from AMAR. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approved the low bid from AMAR, LLC for \$11,100.00 for the asbestos abatement for Yocum K – 1.

Mr. Watson stated that bids were received for Yocum K – 1 playground equipment.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
Playland:	
We install	
Four pieces of equipment	\$23,908.00
Two ADA ramps	1,394.00
Freight	1,267.00
	\$26,569.00

They install		
Four pieces of equipment	23,908.00	
Two ADA ramps	1,394.00	
Freight	1,267.00*	
Installation	8,865.00	
		\$35,434.00

*No freight charged if we pay 50% down. This makes the total \$34,167.00.

Gametime:		
Four pieces of equipment and two ADA ramps		\$64,704.55

Mr. Watson recommended the low bid from Playland, have them to install, and deduct the freight by paying 50% down for a total of \$34,167.00. On a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid from Playland for \$34,167.00 for Yocum K – 1.

The following bids for the asbestos abatement for the administration office were received.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
AMAR, LLC, Little Rock	\$ 7,500.00
Parish Abatement, Donaldson, AR	15,000.00
Snyder Environmental, Morrilton, AR	10,453.00

Mr. Watson recommended the low bid from AMAR. On a motion by Susan Turbeville, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid from AMAR for \$7,500.00 for asbestos abatement for the administration office.

Dr. Fouse presented computer bids for eighteen computers at Yocum, thirty at Barton, and ten for the gifted and talented program.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
CDWG	\$68,645.16
Dell Computers	43,076.96
Gateway	38,245.00
Global	41,112.00

Dr. Fouse recommended the low bid from Gateway Computers. On a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Susan Turbeville, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$38,245.00 from Gateway Computers for Yocum Elementary, Barton Junior High, and the gifted and talented program.

Dr. Fouse presented the secondary math book adoptions for grades 7 – 12. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, and carried on a 4-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the secondary math book adoptions for grades 7 – 12 as presented by Dr. Fouse.

Dr. Fouse stated that last month he pulled one of the policy proposals that he wanted to fine-tune. The proposal is as follows:

Each student identified as not meeting satisfactory passing levels on Benchmarks or End of Course tests will participate in an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP) that must be written in cooperation with and signed by the parent. The AIP targets the individual deficiencies of a student as measured by the test and will be

administered in accordance with current Arkansas Law/Regulations. Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, students who fail to make progress on their AIP will be retained, or in the case of End of Course test will not receive credit for the course if they do not satisfactorily complete an AIP.

Wayne Gibson made the motion and Susan Turbeville seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion and second were withdrawn and the vote tabled until the next board meeting.

Shirley Billingly gave a report on the work of the negotiations team. She stated the district's negotiation's team for the 2006-07 school term are Phillip Lansdell, Sherry Hill, Larry Walters, Don Thompson and Shirley Billingly.

Mr. Watson stated the date set for the retiring staff dinner is Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the El Dorado Golf and Country Club.

On April 6-11 Wayne Gibson attended the National School Board Conference in Chicago, Illinois. He gave a report to the board.

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 Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 4-0 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 classified personnel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.