

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board  
December 11, 2006**

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, Teresa Swint and Will Vance. Board president Larry Holder entered the meeting at 7:20. Also attending the board meeting was Supt. Bob Watson, Dr. James Fouse, 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 November 13 and 20. Mr. Gibson noted a motion correction to the November 13 minutes. On a motion by Teresa Swint, 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 Wayne Gibson, seconded by Teresa Swint, 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 recognized Bradley Miller as the Student of the Month. She said Bradley is the son of James and Kristi Miller and in Mrs. Patterson's classroom at Northwest. He is an exceptional fourth grader. Three attributes that make him an excellent recipient for this award are his work ethic, academic achievements, and empathy. He is a hardworking student that gives 100% effort at anything he tries. His efforts have paid off because he continues to be on the honor roll each nine weeks. Much of Bradley's day is spent being a helper to his friend, who is confined to a wheelchair most of the time. He is a remarkable young man, who demonstrates compassion and empathy on a daily basis. All of these things make him an excellent choice. Students and staff at Northwest are proud that Bradley is the Student of the Month. Mrs. Turbeville presented Bradley with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Turbeville stated that Melissa Eckart is the Student of the Month from El Dorado High School. Melissa is the daughter of John and Laurie Eckart. Her brother, Stephen attends Notre Dame University and her sister Katie is an eighth grade honors student at Barton Junior High School. Melissa is a senior at the high school...a senior who exemplifies excellence in academics, the community, and in character. While many other students are choosing an easier path their senior year, Melissa opts for a rigorous curriculum. She is currently taking pre-AP physics, AP calculus, AP English IV, AP European history, desktop publishing, and computerized accounting. All of this and she maintains a 4.26 GPA and is ranked number three in the senior class. Melissa plans to continue her education at either Notre Dame University or St. Louis University and pursue a business-related major.

Not only is she a scholar, Melissa is involved in extra-curricular activities. She is a 4-year member of the high school swim team, secretary of National Honor Society, secretary of Key Club, and is a member of the Senior Steering Committee, Beta Club, and Jr. Service League. Also involved in the community, Melissa is an active member of the youth group at Holy Redeemer Church.

Melissa was nominated by her physics teacher, Mrs. Shelly Forbess. Mrs. Forbess describes Melissa as a "lady in the truest sense of the word. She behaves in a way that inspires respect from both her fellow students and teachers. She is beautiful young woman, but she never draws attention to herself by how she dresses, speaks, or acts around her classmates. She is exceptionally bright, but never uses her intellect to intimidate others. Melissa has many good friends because she is a good friend to others." Mrs. Reibe, Melissa's former pre-AP biology teacher and Mr. Dawson, Melissa's guidance counselor, agree with Mrs. Forbess wholeheartedly. EHS is proud of Melissa and her accomplishments. Mrs. Turbeville presented Melissa with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Turbeville said that Joan Cunningham is the Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Cunningham received her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. She began her career at Hugh Goodwin and teaches third grade there. This is her nineteenth year with the district.

Fellow teachers stated that Mrs. Cunningham works hard and is very conscientious about everything that she does. She is helpful and nurturing to both students and co-workers, and she always has a kind word to say and a smile on her face! She arrives early and stays late. She wears many hats and still has a true love for all children. Mr. Lansdell said her strongest asset is that she wants to make sure every child in her class succeeds. Mrs. Turbeville presented Mrs. Cunningham a certificate from the board.

Mr. Watson stated that Caroline Brown had filed a Petition for Transfer Request form with the district. She stated the family wishes to remain living in El Dorado but would like to transfer her seven year old son, Timothy Jarai Brown to Smackover School District. Mr. Watson stated this is a legal transfer. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Joey Bauman, and carried on a 6-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the transfer of Timothy Jarai Brown to the Smackover School District.

Zack Gates and Caleb Redmond, juniors at El Dorado High School presented a report on their EAST Lab project. They stated that as high school students learn to serve their community, they are also learning teamwork, leadership, self-motivation, public speaking and technology through the EAST (Environmental and Spatial Technology) Lab program and their current projects. They stated that El Dorado High School students in the EAST Lab programs perform service learning projects. They see needs in their communities and they work to meet those needs by applying the latest technology to problems. They are currently filming Algebra I lessons so if a student is absent, he or she can view the missed session and remain on schedule with the rest of the class. They also go into elementary schools and teach younger students to care for animals. EAST Lab students are compiling a digital video on the history of El Dorado and have drawn up plans for a proposed soccer locker room. One student attended the recent Musicfest in downtown El Dorado and is creating a documentary on the annual event. Other students have produced an anti-drug computer game. Redmond and Gates said that EAST Lab students tackle real problems facing their communities. Solutions don't come from memorized facts or lecture notes, but through creatively applying knowledge obtained from life and other classes, problem solving, team work and diligence.

Mr. Watson stated that bid invitations were sent to fifteen companies and the following were received for security cameras at Hugh Goodwin and Yocum Primary Schools.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Hugh Goodwin</u>	<u>Yocum Primary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arkansas State Security, Inc.	\$41,414.25	\$21,635.99	\$ 63,050.24
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Combined bid:		129,287.00
Fleming Electric	61,949.97	33,405.15	95,355.12
J. E. Systems	51,095.00	27,686.00	78,781.00

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

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid from Arkansas State Security for \$63,050.24 for security cameras at Hugh Goodwin Elementary and Yocum Primary Schools.

Mr. Watson stated that bids received on sidewalk and guard rails at Washington Middle School were:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hargett Construction Co., Inc., El Dorado	\$24,400.00
Ray Construction Co., LLC, El Dorado	17,915.44
B & B Contractors, El Dorado	15,253.00

After some discussion and on a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Vicky Dobson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the low bid on \$15,253.00 from B & B Contractors for the sidewalk and guard rails at Washington Middle School.

The board approved one student's Petition for Transfer Request into the El Dorado School District.

Dr. Fouse presented the kindergarten through sixth grade science book adoption with the recommendation being the Scott-Forseman Company. He stated the recommendation comes from Donna White and approved by both the teachers and the Citizen's Textbook Committee. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Wayne Gibson, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the adoption of the kindergarten through sixth grade science books from the Scott-Foresman Company.

Wayne Gibson, ASBA Board Director representing Region 13, reported on the recent Arkansas School Boards Association Conference. Larry Holder reported on the conference's delegate assembly.

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 Susan Turbeville, 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.

Mr. Watson talked with the board about paying high school math teachers that give up their conference period to teach students during that time. After a time of discussion and on a motion by Teresa Swint, seconded by Joey Bauman, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves El Dorado High School math teachers that give up their conference period to teach during that time will be paid \$8,000. Their conference period will be assigned immediately after school.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.