

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the El Dorado School Board
May 11, 2004**

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 Teresa Swint presiding. Other directors present were Vicky Dobson, Wayne Gibson, Larry Holder, Pat Odom, Susan Turbeville, and Will Vance. Board member Pat Callaway was absent. Others in attendance were Supt. Bob Watson, Dr. James Fouse, Shirley Billingly, Tim Zylks, Don Thompson and Lou Ann Voris.

Mrs. Swint called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meetings held April 14 and May 4. On a motion by Pat Odom, seconded by Susan Turbeville, 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 Vicky Dobson, 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. Swint introduced the Student of the Month, Rickeisha Babbs. She stated that Rickeisha is a sixth grader at Washington Middle School. Queen Levingston accompanied Rickeisha to the board meeting. Her Team 6B teachers are Shannon Berry, Jennifer Bryant, Jamie Morton, Amy Smith and Crystal Wells. Rickeisha has faced many obstacles in her young life and has found great comfort in writing short stories. One of her life's ambitions is to be a writer and write her own life story! Her teachers had these comments to make: "Through all of the obstacles Rickeisha has faced, she always manages to rise with a smiling face. Her actions and attitude seem to encourage peers and adults, as well. Rickeisha's uplifting notes always brighten her teacher's days." "Big-hearted and successful are words that can be used to describe Rickeisha. Whenever anyone needs help, in comes Rickeisha to the rescue. She will gladly provide assistance to anyone and everyone without question. Success is always reached when she puts her mind to something. Rickeisha will achieve great things throughout her life. We look forward to seeing her accomplishments." Mrs. Swint noted that Rickeisha makes excellent grades – in fact, most often straight A's! She said that Washington Middle School is thrilled that Rickeisha is being honored by the board as Student of the Month. Mrs. Swint presented her with a certificate from the board.

Shirley Park was recognized as Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Swint stated that Mrs. Park began her career as school nurse in our district in August 1984; which makes this her twentieth year as school nurse. Several of those nominating her stated, "In the 25 years that I have known Shirley, I find her to be the same loving person each and every day.", many said "She is a great and kind person and a hard worker.", and another said "Even though Shirley Park has a tough job, she always has a Christian outlook, sweet smile, and kind words for students and staff! If I were a student, I would love to see Mrs. Park coming to help me! She is in the right profession because she truly cares about others. She is the epitome of a nurse and how fortunate we are to have her as our school nurse...what an inspiration!" Mrs. Swint presented her with a certificate from the board.

Mrs. Swint recognized Nancy Bailey as the Teacher of the Month. She said that Mrs. Bailey received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Sociology from Oklahoma Christian College. She later returned to school and received her certification in Elementary 1-6 from Southern Arkansas University. Since that time she has added twelve graduate hours to her degree. She teaches third grade at Northwest Elementary. Mrs. Bailey began her career in the El Dorado School District and this is her eleventh year teaching third grade. The teachers and administration at Northwest state that Mrs. Bailey has a positive attitude and is a really hard worker. She puts in hours beyond the regular school day preparing for lessons so that her full attention may be given to her students during the school day. One particular quality that stands out is her desire for all of her students to succeed. She is very talented and uses her talents to

benefit her students. She is a great asset to our school and her students are privileged to have her as their teacher. Mrs. Swint presented her with a certificate from the board.

Tim Zylks presented the paper bids for the 2004-2005 school term.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Price Per Case</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unisource, Texarkana, TX	\$18.43	\$33,174.00
Savin Corp., Uniontown, OH	18.56	33,408.00
Jan-Pak, Shreveport, LA	19.47	35,046.00
Xerox Corp., Dallas, TX	19.70	34,672.00
Office Depot, El Dorado, AR	19.95	35,910.00

Mr. Watson recommended the low bid from Unisource. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Pat Odom, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the 2003-04 paper bids from Unisource, Texarkana, TX for \$33,174.00.

Mr. Watson presented the following bids on the masonry work for Hugh Goodwin renovations:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Herring Masonry, Strong, AR	\$14,510.00
Ole South Masonry, El Dorado, AR	24,832.00

Mr. Watson recommended the low bid from Herring Masonry. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Pat Odom, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid from Herring Masonry for \$14,510.00 for masonry work at Hugh Goodwin Elementary.

One bid was received on floors at Hugh Goodwin.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ken's Discount, El Dorado, AR	\$18,599.00

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 bid from Ken's Discount for \$18,599.00 for floors for Hugh Goodwin Elementary.

Mr. Watson stated that one bid was received on the suspended ceilings for Hugh Goodwin.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B & H Construction, El Dorado, AR	\$35,267.00

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

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid from B & H Construction for \$35,267.00 for suspended ceilings at Hugh Goodwin Elementary.

Mr. Watson presented the bids for Bard heat pumps to be installed at Hugh Goodwin.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ed's Supply Company, El Dorado, AR	\$32,757.96
Shelby Skip-With, Little Rock, AR	32,641.85

Mr. Watson recommended the bid from local bidder, Ed's Supply Company. On a motion by Will Vance, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the bid of \$32,757.96 from Ed's Supply for Bard heat pumps for Hugh Goodwin Elementary.

Dr. Fouse presented textbook adoptions for Family and Consumer Science and also, middle school and junior high health. He stated that both the teacher and textbook committee members have approved the selections. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves the textbook adoptions for Family and Consumer Science and middle school and junior high health as presented by Dr. Fouse.

Mrs. Swint announced that El Dorado High School's baccalaureate is Sunday, May 16 at the Municipal Auditorium and graduation will be Monday, May 17 at Memorial Stadium with both ceremonies to start at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Watson asked the board to consider a possible increase in the district's mileage rate. He explained that it has been as least ten years since the district increased the mileage; which is currently \$.25 per mile. He noted that the federal government pays its employees \$.375 per mile. Vicky Dobson said the state currently pays \$.33 per mile to its employees. After some discussion and on a motion by Pat Odom, seconded by Larry Holder, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it was

RESOLVED, That the board hereby approves a rate increase of \$.33 per mile to become effective for travel occurring on and after June 1, 2004.

The meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters, then reconvened to an open meeting. On a motion by Wayne Gibson, seconded by Will Vance, 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.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.