

Palestine-Wheatley School Board Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2013

- I. Welcome-Members and guests were welcomed by Derrick Boileau, president.
- II. Establish a Quorum-Roll call: Gary Caldwell-absent, Jimmy Cook-present, Nikki Lacefield-present, Kevin Lawson-present, James Smith-absent, Vernon Thweatt-present, and Derrick Boileau-present. A quorum was established.
- III. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting February 11, 2013- A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Kevin Lawson to approve the February 11, 2013 board meeting minutes. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- IV. Approve the Financial Report for February, 2013- A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to approve the February, 2013 financial report. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Elementary Update

The district took possession of the building on Friday, March 1, 2013, technology and maintenance are running wires for smartboards, etc, teacher desks, cabinets, and cubbies are being placed in classrooms. The board will do a walk through after the move in. Plans are to move the week of April 8-12 (K-2) and 3rd -4th grade after the Benchmark Testing is completed.
 - B. Bond Sale Update

Marshall Hughes from First Security was on hand to give the board a report on the Bond sale. Over the course of the bond the district will save \$413,595.00 compared to the old bond. The savings can be used for renovation, construction and repairs of facilities.

 1. A motion was made by Jimmy cook and seconded by Kevin Lawson to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of the \$5,385,000.00, Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 of St. Francis County, Arkansas, Refunding Bonds dated March 1, 2013 and other documents pertaining thereto as prepared by the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
 2. A motion was made by Kevin Lawson and seconded by Jimmy Cook to adopt the attached Continuing Disclosure Dissemination Agreement and the Resolution with the attached Post-Issuance compliance Policy Manual and to appoint the District Treasurer to be in charge of the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy Manual. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin

Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3. A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Kevin Lawson to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as financial Advisor for a period of three (3) years effective as of the date of adoption. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

C. Policies

A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to approve Mr. Estes' recommendation to adopt these personnel policies provided to us by the ASBA model policy to go into effect for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

D. Alcott Land

A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to purchase an additional 1.5 acres at a purchase price of \$15,000.00 from Alcott, this land is joined to the 1.5 acres board agreed to buy in February. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

E. Capitalization of Assets

A motion was made by Kevin Lawson and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to change the asset capitalization amount from \$1500.00 back to \$1000.00 for all fixed assets purchased by the district. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

F. Short Bus

A motion was made by Kevin Lawson and seconded by Nikki Lacefield to approve the purchase of a 2005 Ford, diesel engine, 14 passenger short bus for \$33,900.00. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

G. Certified

1. A motion was made by Kevin Lawson and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to accept the resignations of Morgan Chaney, Dale Markey, Marla Barber, and Alexandra duCellie Muller, all certified classroom teachers, and the resignation of Jonathan Crossley as Jr. and Sr. Girls Basketball Coach. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
2. A motion was made by Kevin Lawson and seconded by Nikki Lacefield to rehire the listed certified employees. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki

Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-no, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 4 to 1.

H. Classified

I. Salary Schedule

1. Stipend Schedule-A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to approve the presented stipend schedule to be effective in the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
2. Trust Fund Increase-A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to retroactively add \$3.00 to the 2011-2012 Salary Schedule, due to the Trust Fund Increase from February, 2012 to August, 2012, and to place an additional \$34.00 on the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, due to a Trust Fund Increase according to the February 28, 2013 State Aid Notice. Roll call: Jimmy Cook-yes, Nikki Lacefield-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Vernon Thweatt-yes, and Derrick Boileau-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**** Board Member Vernon Thweatt spoke to the board about the Department of Education and the Website.

- VI. Adjournment-A motion was made by Jimmy Cook and seconded by Kevin Lawson to adjourn this meeting. All members rose in favor.

Kevin Lawson, Secretary