

CONWAY SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2009

1 A meeting of the Conway School Board was held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30
2 p.m. in the Loynd Auditorium at the Kennett High School.

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4 **Members present:** Assistant Chair Kelley Murphy, Dick Klement, Syndi White, Janine
5 McLauchlan, Rick Breton, and Randy Davison. Chair Sheryl Kovalik was not present;
6 she was attending the Municipal Budget Committee Meeting. Carl Nelson and Assistant
7 Superintendent Bob Godamski were also present.

8 **1. Call to Order (6:030 p.m.) by Kelley Murphy.**

9 **2. Salute to the Flag**

10 **PUBLIC HEARING on Expenditure of Unanticipated Funds (Gary D. Millen**
11 **Foundation).** Ann Quinton was present to present \$10,000 from the Millen Foundation
12 to support multi-cultural programs. There were no questions or comments and the
13 public hearing was closed.

14 **3. Approve Minutes of 10/14/09.**

15 **Motion:** by Rick, seconded by Dick, to review and approve minutes.

16 **5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Randy)**

17 **4. Personnel**

18 **A. Consider Regular Personnel Changes**

19 **Motion:** by Randy, seconded by Janine, to consider, discuss, and
20 vote on each item individually.

21 **1. Election of Kathryn Howe as Homework Club Asst. at JFS**
22 **6-0-0.**

23 **2. Approval of Request by Rami Coffey for Child Care Leave**
24 **6-0-0.**

25 **3. Election of Eagle Academy Faculty**

26 Carl noted one change, instead of Math for Ryan it should be
27 English. **6-0-0.**

28 **4. Accept Resignation of Denise Sachse**

29 Carl modified the resignation date to be October 24th. Dick noted
30 she just began this year so he would like to make an amendment to
31 remove "with regret" from the letter.

32 **Motion:** by Dick, seconded by Janine, to withdraw the wording
33 "with regret". **5 in favor, 1 opposed (Kelley), 0 abstained.**

34 Vote on motion to accept resignation as amended, removing "with
35 regret". **6-0-0.**

36 **5. Accept Resignation of Sharon Fournier**

37 Randy stated Sharon has had an excellent time serving and
38 whoever does her exit interview should really listen to her.

39 **6-0-0.**

40 **5. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS**

41 **A. KHS Student Representative – None.**

42 **B. Principals' and Directors' Reports (first meeting of the month).**

43 **6. Public Comments – Lloyd Jones, Conway Daily Sun,** asked if the Board could
44 explain the new fighting policy. Carl noted it was the same policy; the discipline
45 has increased. However, each case is looked at individually. **Lloyd** asked if the
46 Board will be discussing the K-8 Committee findings tonight. Kelley stated and

47 Carl reiterated that this will be discussed at the November 9th Board meeting.
48 **Lloyd** asked if the Policy Committee has received the Co-curricular Committee's
49 recommendation for an athletic code. Kelley stated the Policy Committee is
50 reviewing it to make recommendations with the hopes of still bringing it to the full
51 board. **Lloyd** asked if the Co-curricular Committee has discussed equity in
52 sports and when will that come before full board. Kelley stated she believes this
53 will come to the board level from Policy and explained that other committees may
54 need to be formed.

55 **7. Old Business – None.**

56 **8. Instructional Issues**

57 **A. Consider First Reading of Revised Policies**

58 **Motion:** by Janine, seconded by Dick to review, discuss, and vote on
59 each item individually.

60 **1. IGBK – Dual Enrollment for High School Students**

61 Janine noted the second sentence is a duplicate. **6-0-0.**

62 **2. IKE – Elementary School Retention Policy**

63 **6-0-0.**

64 **3. JJA – Student Activities/Organizations**

65 **6-0-0.**

66 **B. Consider Approval of Overnight Field Trip (JAG 2009 National
67 Student Leadership Conference)**

68 **Motion:** by Randy, seconded by Rick, to discuss, review and approve
69 trip.

70 Dick noted that the only cost to the district will be for a substitute teacher
71 for three days. All other costs will be picked up by JAG. **6-0-0.**

72 **9. Business Affairs**

73 **A. Wetland Application for the Swift River Stabilization Project
74 Permission Letter**

75 Carl has spoken with Andy Greigel and Andy has some concerns with this.
76 Dick stated it appears that no changes have been made since the
77 discussion held approximately a year ago and his concerns expressed in
78 that previous meeting remain. He believes that as an abutter, the overflow
79 would go onto school property and we have a right to state an opinion
80 against this. He asked that Carl meet with legal representation to
81 determine what possibilities we have as an abutter, and how property
82 would be affected by this, and to ask them to cease and desist. Randy
83 noted the flood plain would change which would cause changes in the way
84 the property could be used and insured. Carl suggested we follow-up with
85 Sweeny, John, and legal. As some board members were not sitting on the
86 board during the initial presentation, all were in favor of another
87 presentation from Sweeney.

88 **10. Administrators' Reports**

89 **A. Cost Analysis of a Public Integrated Preschool –** A copy of this
90 analysis was presented to Board members for review. If you have
91 questions, please get them to Carl. Info on K-8 study went out and will be
92 on the agenda for November 11th meeting, as well as the elementary
93 budget. Kevin provided field trip info to the Board to answer questions
94 from the last Board meeting. There will be an SAU Executive Board
95 Meeting on Monday 11/02 at 6:00 at KHS. There is an SAU Full Board
96 Meeting on 11/12 at 6:30 in Eaton. Randy asked how much are we
97 paying out now for pre-school? He was under the assumption that we had
98 space available in the district. Carl asked Board members to email him

99 with questions. This way he can answer them in a systematic fashion so
100 everyone will get the information.
101 **B. SAU #9 Website Update** – Bob reported that the website has been
102 changed to SAU9.org. He is in the process of populating each of the
103 areas. If you click on schools you can go to any school. Conway policies
104 are on line, the event calendar is a work in progress. “Forms” is a work in
105 progress. If you haven’t visited the website, he would encourage you to
106 do so and would be happy to take any feedback. Dick noted it was well
107 done. Kelley noted that all school websites have become very user
108 friendly. She would like Lloyd to do a piece on this in the paper so people
109 in the valley will have it.

110 **11. Board Members' Issues- Board Discussion**

111 Randy revisited a question he had on the pupil progression plan. He previously
112 brought up the issue with ninth grade requirements. They are not expected to
113 take health as a freshmen. They are required to take it in high school but not
114 freshmen year. Bob will double check this in the packet of info that the Board
115 received. Rick asked on summer school, what caused the deficit. Carl noted we
116 had more students than we had anticipated. Dick stated it looks like we are in
117 good shape with the budget summary. Randy stated at the beginning of the year
118 the numbers were up. In the budget cycle last year, we expected 866 students
119 and this fall and we have 869. He needed to bring this up because as Board
120 members it is their job to watch enrollment as we go into the budget cycle. He is
121 amazed that there are 267 freshmen which is a large class.

122 **A. Committee Reports – None.**

123 **12. Public Comments (time permitting) – None.**

124 **13. Adjourn**

125 **Motion:** by Syndi, seconded by Janine, to adjourn. All in favor.
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127 The regular Board meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.
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129 Respectfully Submitted,
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132 Xann Teryek

133 Recording Secretary