

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by board president Wendel Msall. Other board members present were: David Hipp, Corey Williams, Ken Kincade, Dean Martin, Mark Russell, and Fred Campbell.

Others present included: Dr. Thurman, Jim Dalton, CAO Directors, Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Students, Guests and Media.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes from the August 17, 2010 meeting were approved as received.  
Financial Report for the month of August was approved as received.

**RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Kimberly Buchberger was recognized and thanked by the board for the work she does to raise money for students in our district that cannot afford school supplies. Mrs. Buchberger helped raise over \$4,000 and has served 325 families so far this year in the Cabot School District. She continues to offer assistance to our students when schools notify her that they are in need.

The Cabot High School Key Club was recognized for its accomplishments in the Mo-Ark District competition and the International Convention. Robby Chaney and Tracie French represented the Key Club at the School Board meeting. The Cabot Key Club placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Mo-Ark District and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the International Convention for their reading project at Eastside Elementary. Robby and Tracie reported on some of the other projects they have coming up, such as planting flowers at Children's Hospital, the flag project, and a UNICEF project. Dr. Thurman praised the Key Club for the outstanding service work they do for our community.

The Cabot Lions Club was recognized and thanked by the board for its generous donation of a Keystone Vision Screener to Mt. Springs Elementary. This donation is worth well over \$1,000. The Lions Club also shared some of the other ways they are able to help students in our schools with their programs.

## REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Thurman presented the Report to the Public. Copies of this report were made available to those in attendance. The floor was opened for questions and comments at the end of the presentation, but there was no discussion.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Thurman announced that the unofficial results are in for the School Board election. Mark Russell will continue in Position 3, and Wendel Msall will continue in Position 4. The swearing in will take place at the October School Board meeting.

Mr. Dalton provided an update on construction projects throughout the district.

Mt. Springs Elementary is complete, other than a few punch items. Mr. Dalton informed the Board that we are still holding the 10% until these items are finished to our satisfaction.

The roof on areas 1 and 2 of the HPER should be completed this week, as well as the slab for area 3 being poured. The foundation prep for Junior High South's Science Lab is about 80% complete. A gravel drive has been constructed between Middle School South and Junior High South to help teachers get to the middle school without getting in the construction traffic. The parent drop-off/pick-up line at Southside Elementary is complete.

The drawings for the concession stand, restroom and ticket booth renovation at Panther Stadium have been submitted to the State to have the appropriate paperwork completed. The painting project at the Cabot Learning Academy is complete.

Dr. Thurman presented current enrollment numbers for our district.

Mr. Harold Jeffcoat presented K-6 professional development schedules. He pointed out that last year we had a part-time K-1 Interventionist, but this year we moved to a full-time K-1 Interventionist. Mr. Jeffcoat said that ELMS training is new this year, and in the past we have used outside CGI training, but have since started doing our own training in this area. Our training has been requested by outside districts as well.

Mrs. Tammy Tucker presented administrators' professional development schedules to the board. She informed them that a leadership team was created with a representative from each

school to attend training by Ruby Payne, who is an expert in working with children living in economically disadvantaged homes.

Mrs. Linda Payne reviewed the test schedule for this year. She reported that we sent in 755 Qualls observations. She also informed the board that the EXPLORE and PLAN tests are now required by law, and the ITBS and ITED replaced the MAT and SAT this year.

Mrs. Melissa Elliott reported that the Cabot School District is third in the state for National Merit Semifinalists. We had 11 semifinalists, and they will be recognized at the October Board meeting. We also had 48 AP Scholars, which is 15 more than last year, and 2 of those were also recognized as National AP Scholars. Mrs. Elliott then provided a review of our district's ACT scores compared to the state's.

Board member Ken Kincade provided an update on the Cabot Panther Education Foundation. He stated that Sara Owens is now President and Brian Evans is Vice President. He also announced that they are planning a Dancing with Cabot Stars event in February. They are also holding a Spring Break cruise and selling bricks to continue to raise money for the Foundation.

Dr. Thurman announced that the Hall of Fame Banquet will be October 12 and reviewed the nominees.

Board member Ken Kincade reported on "Making Meetings Matter" training that he and Dr. Thurman attended.

Dr. Thurman commented on an article in *The Arkansas Administrator* that featured Mrs. Lisa Baker.

Mrs. Linda Payne announced that the Cabot School District has been selected to be a presenter at the National School Board Association Conference in April.

Mr. Dalton shared with the board that an individual approached the administration and was interested in developing an afterschool pilot program. This program will accommodate 40 students in a structured afterschool program. The individual was interested in using Mt. Springs Elementary to house this pilot program. The school district's involvement will only be the rental of the facility.

**ACTION**

The board voted to accept a Resolution to Refinance a 2005 Bond Issue valued at \$5 million. This bond refinance was discussed in more detail at the 5 p.m. committee meeting. Motion by David Hipp, second by Ken Kincade; passed 7-0.

The board voted to accept the 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget as discussed in the 5 p.m. committee meeting. Motion by Dean Martin, second by Campbell; passed 7-0.

The board voted to accept a disclosure statement presented at the meeting. Motion by Fred Campbell, second by Mark Russell; passed 7-0.

The board voted to accept the nomination of new board positions. The nomination was for Ken Kincade as President, Dean Martin as Vice President, and Corey Williams as Secretary. Motion by David Hipp, second by Fred Campbell; passed 7-0.

The board moved into executive session at 7:51 p.m.

The board voted to accept personnel recommendations from administration. See your building administrator or supervisor for additional information.

---

President

---

Secretary